

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE
POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS
ON PROPERTY OWNED OR ADMINISTERED BY LaPORTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 35-47-11-2 permits local units of government to regulate the ownership, possession or transportation of firearms onto land or other real property or into buildings owned or administered by the local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens and employees of LaPorte County to regulate the ownership, possession or transportation of firearms onto land or other real property or into buildings owned or administered by LaPorte County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County, Indiana, that:

Section 1. No person, unless otherwise permitted by this ordinance, shall possess or transport a firearm onto land or other real property, or into a building or structure owned or administered by the County of LaPorte.

Section 2. "Firearm" means any weapon that is capable of or designed to or that may readily be converted to expel a projectile by means of an explosion. The term does not include any device not designed to use fixed cartridges or fixed ammunition, or any firearm made before January 1, 1899.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the prohibition found in Section 1 of this ordinance, the following persons may own, possess or transport firearms as otherwise permitted by law:

- A. Marshals;
- B. Sheriffs;
- C. The commissioner of the department of correction or persons authorized by the commissioner in writing to carry firearms;
- D. Judicial officers;
- E. Law enforcement officers;
- F. Members of the armed forces of the United States or of the national guard or organized reserves while they are on duty;
- G. Regularly enrolled members of any organization duly authorized to purchase or receive such weapons from the United States or from the State of Indiana who are at or are going to or from their place of assembly or target practice;

- H. Employees of the United States, the State of Indiana, or the County of LaPorte duly authorized to carry handguns;
- I. Employees of express companies when engaged in company business;
- J. Any person engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing, or dealing in firearms or the agent or representative of any such person having in his possession, using, or carrying a handgun in the usual or ordinary course of that business;
- K. Any person while carrying a handgun unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to his dwelling or fixed place of business, or to a place of repair or back to his dwelling or fixed place of business, or in moving from one dwelling or business to another; or,
- L. Museums, historical societies, or other persons who possess or transport firearms which are kept for display as relics and which are rendered harmless and not usable.

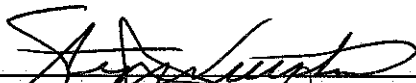
Section 4. Any person who violates Section 1 of this ordinance shall commit an ordinance violation, pursuant to County Code Chapter 1, Section 1-9.

Section 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the ownership, possession or transportation of firearms on highways, as defined in Indiana Code 8-23-1-23, or public highways, as defined in Indiana Code 8-2.1-17-14.

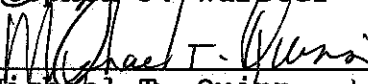
Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning the 21st day of February, 1995, and after its enactment and publication as prescribed by law.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1995.


The Board of Commissioners of the County of LaPorte, State of Indiana.



 Stephen J. Wurster



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ATTEST:



 Michael R. Schultz, Auditor

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