

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 672.02(i)(6) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN CITY BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, the presence of handguns can intimidate both citizen advocates and public officials from speaking freely; and

WHEREAS, the security of Council Chambers and City buildings is imperative to ensure an orderly and free society; and

WHEREAS, by appropriately limiting the possession of concealed handguns in City facilities, law enforcement officials will be able to more effectively and appropriately respond to situations on City properties should an emergency threat arise; and

WHEREAS, by appropriately limiting the possession of concealed handguns in City facilities, the City can help prevent any confusion regarding the identification of threats on scene; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City and its residents' best interest to permit only law enforcement officials to carry firearms in City buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. That Section 672.02(i)(6) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson, relating to the concealed possession of weapons, including firearms, on City property, is hereby amended as follows, with additions being **bold and underlined** and deletions being ~~stricken and underlined~~:

(i) A valid concealed handgun license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun in any manner prohibited under division (B) of R.C. § 2923.12, as amended, or in any manner prohibited under R.C. § 2923.16, as amended. A valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun into any of the following places:

(6) Any building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state, including this Municipality, and that is not a building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility for motor vehicles, or rest facility and is not a courthouse or other building or structure in which a traditional courtroom is located ~~Any building that is a government facility of this City and that is not a building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility for motor vehicles, or rest facility, unless that person (A) is an elected City of Hudson official, (B) is either a licensee or qualified adult~~

~~authorized under state law to carry a concealed handgun, and (C) has provided notice of their intent to carry to the Chief of Police, the City Manager, and Council President. All information and records related to this policy, its development, and implementation are confidential, contain information directly used for protecting or maintaining the security of a public office against attack, interference, terrorism, or sabotage and shall constitute security records as defined under R.C. § 149.433, as amended[.]~~

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 26-13 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council