



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: Operations Services  
AREA: Campus Police

Policy 04.06.29

**SUBJECT: Campus Carry Policy**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to inform faculty, staff, students, and visitors of the rules regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on campus by those individuals licensed to carry a handgun and to address the health, safety, and welfare of the campus community. On June 13, 2015, Governor Greg Abbott signed into law Texas Senate Bill No. 11 (“S.B. 11”), popularly known as “campus carry” law. S.B. 11 amends §411.2031 of the Texas Government Code to allow the carrying of handguns by license holders on the campuses of certain institutions of higher education, including Texas Southern University. Only a license holder may carry weapons designated under Subchapter H of Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code; any and all other weapons are expressly prohibited. Individuals who do not possess a valid license to carry a handgun currently are and will be prohibited from carrying handguns on campus.
- 1.2 This policy is designed to comply with the relevant state law and to address the health, safety, and welfare of the campus community.
- 1.3 This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, guests, and visitors of the University who hold a valid concealed weapons permit recognized by the State of Texas. This policy does not apply to Texas Southern University police officers or commissioned security guards.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Handgun” is defined as any firearm that is designed, made or adapted to be fired with one hand.
- B. “Open carry” is defined as intentionally or knowingly carrying a handgun in a manner that is noticeable to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.
- C. “Concealed Handgun” is defined as a handgun that is not openly noticeable to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.

- D. "License Holder" is defined as a person issued a License to carry a handgun (formally called a "Concealed Handgun License") by the Texas Department of Public Safety under Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code.
- E. "University property" is defined as any building, area, or land owned or leased by Texas Southern University or subject to its control.
- F. "Residence halls" is defined as the buildings on University property used to house students and/or staff.
- G. "University facilities" is defined as the spaces on University property with defined enclosures for a designated use, such as an academic building, a residence hall, a theatre, an athletic field or stadium.
- H. "Hazardous Material" is defined as a substance or mixture of substances that is toxic, corrosive, extremely flammable, flammable, combustible, an irritant, or a strong sensitizer, or that generates pressure through decomposition, heat, or other means, if the substance or mixture of substances may cause substantial personal injury.
- I. "Athletic Event" is defined as a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or an interscholastic event
- J. "Gun Free Zone" is defined as any building, area, or land owned or leased by the University that has been marked by signage as an area where handguns are strictly prohibited.
- K. "Fluid Gun Free Zone" is defined as any building, area, or land owned or leased by the University that has been temporarily marked by signage an area where handguns are strictly prohibited.

### III. POLICY PROVISIONS

#### A. CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY AUTHORIZED USERS

- 3.1 License holders who carry a handgun on campus must carry it on or about their person at all times or secure their handgun in a locked, privately-owned or leased motor vehicle.
- 3.2 A license holder who carries a handgun on campus must carry it in a holster that completely covers the trigger and the entire trigger guard area. The holster must have sufficient tension or grip on the handgun to retain it in the holster even when subjected to unexpected jostling.
- 3.3 A license holder who carries a semiautomatic handgun on campus must carry it without a chambered round of ammunition.

3.4 A license holder may not carry a partially or wholly visible handgun, or intentionally or knowingly display a handgun in plain view of another person, even if holstered, on University property and/or in University facilities, including on any public driveway, street, sidewalk, parking lot, parking garage or other parking area on University's premises.

3.5 A license holder may not carry a concealed handgun while intoxicated.

3.6 A license holder must display his or her License to carry when directed by a law enforcement officer in accordance with section 411.205 of the Texas Government Code. Otherwise, an individual is not required to disclose whether he or she is a license holder in order to participate in any program or service offered by the University, except as required by law.

#### B. OPEN CARRY PROHIBITED

3.7 All persons, including license holders, are prohibited from openly carrying a handgun on University property and/or in University facilities, including on any public driveway, street, sidewalk, parking lot, parking garage or other parking area on University's property.

### IV. PROCEDURES

#### A. GUN FREE ZONES ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

4.1 A license holder is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on University property where prohibited by law and/or where prohibited by this policy based on the nature of the student population, specific safety concerns, and the uniqueness of Texas Southern University. The areas on campus that are marked as gun free zones are as follows:

##### University property/facilities:

- a. Ernest S. Sterling Life Student Center
- b. E.O. Bell Building (**BASEMENT ONLY**)
- c. Student Health Center
- d. University Counseling Center
- e. Airway Science Building (Charter school)
- f. W.R. Banks Child Development Laboratory (Daycare)
- g. Allee Mitchell Center (Daycare)
- h. All Residence Halls

##### Laboratories or Areas that Contain Hazardous Materials:

- i. Central Plant Numbers 125 and 126
- j. General Services Building
- k. Science Building (**SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH FLOORS ONLY**)

- l. Gray Hall Pharmacy Building (**ROOMS 120, 253A, 256, 229, 214 AND 216, 222, AND 207 ONLY**)
- m. Leonard H.O. Spearman Technology Building (**ROOMS 138 AND 235 ONLY**)
- n. Samuel Milton Nabrit Science Building (**SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS ONLY**)

Fluid Gun Free Zones:

- o. Recreational Center (**SECOND FLOOR DURING DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**) (**FIRST FLOOR DURING BASKETBALL GAMES**)
- p. The Sawyer Auditorium, DELUXE Theater and Rhinehart Auditorium (**DURING EVENTS ONLY**)
- q. Athletic Events
- r. Premises used for Disciplinary Actions
- s. Locations used for summer camps- Pre-K- 12
- t. University owned automobiles
- u. Premises used for polling on the day of an election or early voting in progress
- v. Any place where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed
- w. Any Facility used for Board of Regents Meetings

Discretionary Zones:

- x. Offices- An occupant of an office, generally not open to the public, should be permitted, at the occupant's discretion, to prohibit the concealed carry of a handgun in his or her office.

**B. NOTIFICATION AND SIGNAGE FOR GUN FREE ZONES**

4.2 Pursuant to section 30.06 of the Texas Penal Code, TSU will provide written notification that states the following:

**"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (concealed handgun law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun"**

The written communication may be conveyed in one of two ways:

- a. A card or other written document that contains the language above, or
- b. Signage in both Spanish and English displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public, with contrasting colors and block letters at least one inch in height.

**C. CARRYING OF HANDGUNS PROHIBITED IN AREAS WHERE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, OR CONTRACTS REQUIRE EXCLUSION**

4.3 The concealed carry of handguns shall be prohibited in areas for which state or federal law, licensing requirements, or contracts require exclusion exclusively at the discretion of the state or federal government, or are required by a campus accrediting authority. Where appropriate, signage must conform to the overriding federal or state law

requirements. Otherwise, notice conforming to Texas Penal Code Section 30.06 must be provided.

#### D. STORAGE OF WEAPONS

4.4 Texas Southern University will not provide any storage for concealed handgun license holders. Concealed handgun license holders must store their handguns in a privately owned or leased motor vehicle.

#### E. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY

4.5 Any person who violates any provision of this policy will be subject to all appropriate penalties under Texas Southern University policies and applicable laws of the State of Texas, including criminal prosecution.

#### F. REPORTING TO TEXAS LEGISLATURE

4.6 In even numbered years by September 1, the University will submit to the Texas Legislature a copy of its policy along with the justification used for development of the policy.

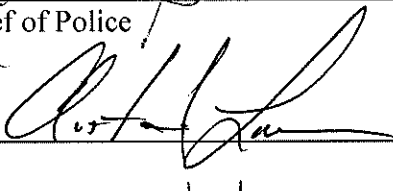
IX. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible Party: Texas Southern University Department of Public Safety

Review: Every three years, on or before September 1

X. APPROVAL

  
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TSU Chief of Police

  
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President

Effective Date: 8/1/16