

WEAPONS: CARRY OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS CHA (LOCAL)

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Senate 89N/Em [(89NT Q q 2006) 116 Texas Legislature] permits individuals holding concealed handgun licenses to carry their weapons onto the campus and into the general buildings of the publicly governed institutions of higher education in Texas. The fundamental goals of this policy are to ensure compliance with the spirit and letter of SB 11 in a manner consistent with other relevant laws, and to ensure the continuation of the current calm, constructive and positive social and intellectual environment that characterizes the Galveston College District. Any weapons which were previously listed as prohibited are still prohibited on the property of institutions of higher education. Individuals who do not possess a valid License to Carry are still prohibited from carrying handguns on campus. The effective date of this policy is August 1, 2017.

RULES AND
REGULATIONS

The following are rules, regulations and provisions pertaining to the carry of concealed handguns by licensed holders on the campus of Galveston College as well as any properties owned, leased, or controlled by Galveston College, including any campuses established in the future.

or who are otherwise exempt by law, and who currently possess a concealed handgun license (LTC) from the State of Texas or an approved reciprocating state, may legally carry a concealed handgun on or about their person.

3. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors of the College, except for Campus Police

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officers, and all subjects described within this document who may be exempt. It is the responsibility of Campus Police to enforce this policy.

DEFINITIONS

- a) *Handgun*** – Any firearm that is designed, manufactured, made to be fired with one hand.
- b) *Open Carry*** – Visible possession of a handgun in public.
- c) *Concealed Handgun*** – A handgun that is not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.
- d) *Reveal*** – To display a handgun, in whole or part, in plain view of another person in a public place. Texas Penal Code 46.035.
- e) *Gun Free Zone (GFZ)*** – An area of the campus in which the possession of handguns are prohibited. Each restricted area

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infrastructure to the operation of the college community are considered GFZ's.

4. Safety and Security – The licensed carrier is responsible for maintaining complete practical control of their handgun at all times, so that it is either on the licensee's person or is immediately accessible from a purse or other analogous personal accessory that is continually under the

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5. With the exception of authorized Campus Police personnel, no College employee should inquire whether or not a person is carrying a concealed weapon or whether the person possesses an LTC.
6. Any person unless they have been threatened, who openly states that they possess a handgun and/or a license to carry may be charged with terroristic threat, assault by threat, or other charges deemed appropriate by law enforcement.
7. Any person who accidentally discharges a weapon on campus may be subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, or both. In situations where a weapon is intentionally discharged, the case will be investigated and judged on its merits. If the intentional discharge of a weapon is found not to be justified then the person discharging the weapon may be subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, or both.
8. Any weapons prohibited prior to S.B. 11 under Sections 46.00 through 46.05 of the Texas Penal Code are still prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, long guns, shotguns, knives with a blade longer than 5.5", brass knuckles, clubs, explosives, etc. (See Policy CHF: Weapons)

GUN FREE ZONES

There are areas of the Galveston College Campus, and properties owned, leased or rented by Galveston College, which were identified as locations deemed Gun Free Zones (GFZ), therefore prohibiting Concealed Carrying of a handgun at these locations. There are two types of GFZ's. One is permanent, and the second is temporary. The permanent GFZ is one that meets the requirements of a GFZ daily. A temporary

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campus that may be used as a public school facility.

2. College District Designated Permanent Gun Free Zones:

Hermes Fitness Center

First Floor Lobby of the Hermes Fitness Center

H-100 Gymnasium
H-101 Ground Floor Stairs
H-102 Men's Locker Room
H-102A Men's Locker Room Storage
H-103 Women's Locker Room
H-103A Women's Locker Room Storage
H-104 Office*
H-104A Office Storage*
H-106 Fitness Center

Hermes Second Floor Vending
Hermes Second Floor Stairs
H-200 Aerobics
H-201 Office*
H-202 Office*
H-202A Storage*

**These areas are inaccessible except that one enters through the Hermes Fitness Center; therefore, they are included as GFZs.*

Northen Building

N-100 Physical Plant
N-222 – EMT Lab

Regents Building

R-117 – Testing Center
R-378 – Chemistry Lab Prep/Storage
R-373A – Biology Storage/Preparation

Charlie Thomas Family Applied Technology Center

ATC 215 – HVAC Shop
ATC 214 – Welding Shop

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City Owned Athletic Fields

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