



ORDINANCE NAME: **REGULATIONS REGARDING HANDGUNS, FIREARMS,
AND OTHER WEAPONS AT SUMMERFIELD ATHLETIC
PARK, SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY PARK, AND
TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY**

ORDINANCE #: ORD-2017-001

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Section:

- ___.01. Purpose
- ___.02. Concealed Handguns with valid permit
- ___.03. Other firearms and weapons
- ___.04. Exceptions
- ___.05. Violations

§ __.01. **Purpose:** The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the carrying and display of handguns, firearms and other weapons at Summerfield Athletic Park, Summerfield Community Park and Town owned Buildings, hereinafter Town Owned Property

§ __.02. **Concealed handguns:** A person with a valid Concealed Carry Permit, may possess a handgun, in a concealed manner on all Town owned Property.

§ __.03. **Other firearms and weapons:**

- (A) No person shall **display** any weapon, as defined in N.C.G.S. §14-269(9) on or at any Town Owned Property, which includes the open display of handguns, or “open carry.” These restrictions do NOT apply to any greenways, trails or walkways as defined by state law. In addition, an individual, otherwise lawfully carrying a firearm, may secure it in a vehicle when visiting town owned property.
- (B) Town owned property must be posted in order to be subject to this ordinance.
- (C) This Section __.03 is not applicable to those with a valid concealed carry permit recognized in North Carolina, which are governed by section __.02 above.

§ __.04. **Exceptions.** The possession or display of a firearm or other weapon is exempt from the provisions of this section in the following situations:



- (A) If the possession or display of the firearm, or other weapon, is the result of an individual(s) exercising his or her legitimate right to self-defense or the defense of others as allowed by law.
- (B) If the possession or display of the firearm, or other weapon, is conducted by a person(s) authorized by law to carry and display such items as part of their official or otherwise recognized lawful duties (e.g., law enforcement officers, military personnel, security guards, etc.).
- (C) If the possession or display of the firearm, or other weapon, is necessary for the temporary transport and securing of the item and is not otherwise in violation of existing statutes or ordinances (e.g., recent purchase and movement to vehicle for transport, securing firearm by CCW permit holder in vehicle, found item to be turned into authorities, firearm in approved vehicle gun rack, etc.).
- (D) The possession or display of a knife with a blade longer than three (3) inches used for fishing purposes only.
- (E) The possession or display of a knife with a blade longer than three (3) inches for the performance of the duties of a Town employee or contractor.

§ .05. **Violation.** The carrying of concealed handguns or the possession or display of any firearm or other weapon as defined in this section, in or on any of the locations specified by this section, shall constitute a misdemeanor and subject any violator(s) so convicted to such penalties as may be imposed by the Court.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2017.

Attest:

Mayor Mark Brown

Deputy Clerk Mary Gant

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