

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-32

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE O-16-70 ADOPTING A GARLAND COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND ELECTED OFFICIAL CONCEALED CARRY PLAN”

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Garland County affirms the right to bear arms as granted by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the 90th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas passed Act 1259 of 2015 to allow certain individuals to carry a concealed handgun on county property; and,

WHEREAS, the 91st General Assembly of the State of Arkansas passed Act 1090 of 2017 to amend the law allowing certain individuals to carry a concealed handgun on county property; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Garland County desires to facilitate each employee’s and elected official’s ability to defend themselves and others when necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee recommends the adoption of the following security and emergency preparedness plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. A Garland County employee, countywide elected official, Justice of the Peace, or person who is employed by a governmental entity other than the county with an office or place of employment inside the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office, who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun (hereinafter known as Licensee) is hereby allowed to carry the type of weapon named on the license on county property and in county buildings, in the building or facility that said Licensee is assigned to perform his or her job duties, in accordance with Act 1259 of 2015 and Act 1090 of 2017.

SECTION 2. The Licensee is prohibited from carrying a weapon in any detention facility, in an office of the Sheriff’s Department, or in any courtroom, court chambers or court offices without permission from the presiding judge.

SECTION 3. The Licensee who chooses to carry a firearm pursuant to Act 1259 of 2015 and Act 1090 of 2017 and this Ordinance shall maintain possession of such firearm on their person or locked in a secure location at all times while on county property.

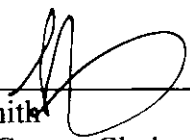
SECTION 4. The Licensee will be required to attend a class on “Civilian Response to an Active Shooter”. This course will be offered periodically by the Garland County Sheriff’s Office.

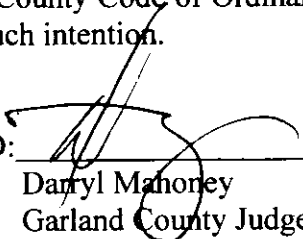
SECTION 5. Prior to exercising the authority provided by this Ordinance, the licensee shall provide a copy of their concealed carry license to the Garland County Judge's Office as well as a certificate of completion of the training required by Section 4.

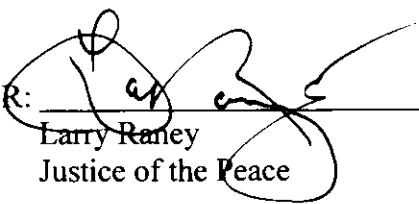
SECTION 6. The language of Sections 1 through 5 of this Ordinance shall be amended into the Garland County Personnel Policy to make the necessary revision to the Garland County Personnel Handbook.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance is declared to be severable.

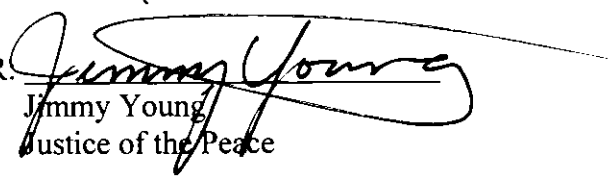
SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be codified in the Garland County Code of Ordinances and the sections may be re-numbered and re-lettered to accomplish such intention.


ATTEST: 
Sarah Smith
Garland County Clerk

APPROVED: 
Darryl Mahoney
Garland County Judge

SPONSOR: 
Larry Raney
Justice of the Peace

DATE: 8-12-19

SPONSOR: 
Jimmy Young
Justice of the Peace

SPONSOR: 
Matt McKee
Justice of the Peace