

CHAPTER 263

FIREARMS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

263-1. Firearms Prohibited

The possession of firearms, whether licensed or unlicensed, in all buildings or other spaces which contain a Circuit Courtroom of Monroe County is prohibited. At this time, such buildings or other space include the Monroe County Courthouse located at 100 W Kirkwood Ave in Bloomington Indiana, Monroe County Justice Building located at 301 N College Ave in Bloomington Indiana, the Curry Building located at 214 W 7th Street Suite 200, Bloomington Indiana, and the Community Corrections space, only the County leased areas are part of this prohibition. In addition the possession of firearms, whether licensed or unlicensed, may be prohibited in any County Building under the conditions of Ind. Code 35-47-11.1-4 (10).

The intentional display of a firearm, whether licensed or unlicensed at a Monroe County public meeting is prohibited.

263-2. Search

Entry into those county buildings may subject the person to a search of his or her person and clothing as well as all carried items such as packages, purses, cameras, instruments and briefcases by building security or law enforcement personnel.

263-3. Entry Barred

Entry into those county buildings by any person who possesses a firearm, whether licensed or unlicensed, may be barred by building security or law enforcement personnel until the person secures his or her weapon off of county premises.

263-4. Exemptions

This chapter shall not apply to law enforcement officers= and Federal enforcement officers,@ as defined by IC 35-41-1-17, who are on duty and who provide current departmental picture identification to building security (ASI security personnel, County police officers, bailiffs, etc.).

263-5. Court Orders

This Ordinance may be supplemented from time to time by order of the Board of Judges of the Monroe Circuit Court with respect to security in the Monroe County Justice Building and in any other Circuit Court offices (e.g., building areas leased for community corrections).

263-6. Enforcement

- (A) The Monroe County Sheriff=s Department may enforce the provisions of this chapter by issuance of a written citation to those persons charged with its violation. Any person issued a written notice of violation of this chapter shall pay the penalty described below to the County Auditor within seven (7) days, and such fines shall be deposited in the Monroe County General Fund.
- (B) In lieu of issuing a citation, the enforcement officer may, in his or her discretion, issue an official warning to persons advising them of their violation of this chapter, and that such warning shall not require payment of the penalty for a subsequent violation of this chapter within a one-year period.

263-7. Penalty

A person who violates this chapter commits a Class E ordinance violation upon its first occurrence; a person commits a Class D ordinance violation upon its second and all subsequent occurrences within one year.

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