STATEMENT OF PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS

Concealed handguns, unlicensed handguns and all other firearms are not permitted in any System or component building or portion of a building, state vehicle, or on any grounds on which an activity sponsored by a System component is being conducted. Sponsored activities of The Texas A&M University System or its components are conducted frequently on the grounds of the institutions for the use of their students, faculty and staff. Exceptions to this prohibition may be made as authorized by law or by a rule developed by the component. The System will follow Texas Penal Code Section 46.03 in the administration of this regulation and the resulting rules.

LICENSED POLICE OFFICERS

Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

COMPONENTS LOCATED IN COLLEGE STATION

Agencies and the Health Science Center (HSC) located on the property of Texas A&M University will follow the rule developed by Texas A&M University in regard to the implementation of this regulation. Universities or agencies with property not located on Texas A&M University land in Brazos County may adopt a rule implementing this regulation.

PROCEDURES FOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION - JOB-RELATED

The component may adopt a rule and a process to grant authorization for employees to possess firearms in the performance of their duties as employees.

PROCEDURES FOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION - NON-JOB RELATED

The component may adopt a rule and a process to grant authorization for employees to possess firearms for duties not related to their duties as a System employee.

PROCEDURES FOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR A NON-EMPLOYEE

The component may also adopt a rule and a process to grant authorization for non-employees to possess firearms for extremely unusual or extraordinary circumstances.
7. APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The rule shall specifically set up the process of approval, the person designated to grant approval and the written authorization.

1) Application for authorization must be in writing and must include:
   a) criteria to be met for approval,
   b) criminal history check, and
   c) concealed handgun license, if requesting authorization to possess a handgun.

2) Circumstances under which a person may possess a concealed handgun or other firearm must be identified.

3) Authorization must be in writing.

4) Dates specifying the timeframe of authorization must be identified.

5) Must have approval signature of the person designated to authorize.

6) List of authorizations must be maintained by the component police department or another office designated by the CEO.

HISTORY: New

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Section 34 Rules