

Ordinance 19/20-O-5

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FIREARMS ON LIBRARY PROPERTY

(Concealed Carry)

WHEREAS, the Zion-Benton Public Library Trustees have authority under applicable statutes to adopt rules and regulations for the administration and government of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the Zion-Benton Public Library Trustees have authority under applicable statutes over the use of Library buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, P.A. 98-0063, 430 ILCS 66/1 *et seq.*, permits persons to carry concealed firearms subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act prohibits persons from carrying a firearm “on or into any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a public library” (430 ILCS 66/65 (a)(18)); and

WHEREAS, the Zion-Benton Public Library Trustees concur with the determination of the Illinois Legislature that firearms should be prohibited on public library property.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED that:

Section 1: Subject to Section 4 below, neither firearms nor weapons of any kind are permitted on any Library property at any time by any person.

Section 2: Any person who violates this Ordinance shall have his/her library privileges revoked immediately for a period of not less than one year.

Section 3: Signage shall be posted at the Library consistent with the requirements of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

Section 4. A firearm may be transported by a licensee* into a parking area within a vehicle if the firearm and its ammunition remain locked in a case out of plain view within the parked

* Licensee means a person issued a license to carry a firearm (430 ILCS 66/5).

vehicle. "Case" is defined as a glove compartment or console that completely encases the firearm and its ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box or other container. The firearm may be removed only for the limited purpose of storage or retrieval from within the trunk of the vehicle. A firearm must first be unloaded before removal from the vehicle.

Law enforcement officials may possess firearms on Library property.

Section 5: This Ordinance is in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 29th day of October, 2019, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Beverly Mull, President
Board of Library Trustees
Zion-Benton Public Library District

Mary Martin, Secretary
Board of Library Trustees
Zion-Benton Public Library District

