

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 10, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **House Bill 1927**

HB 1927, the Firearm Carry Act of 2021 (“the Act”), allows most individuals 21 years of age or older to carry a handgun either *openly in a holster* or *concealed* without a license. Those individuals who lawfully carry a handgun *openly* must have the handgun secured in a visible holster. Despite this newly amended Act, the City will continue to prohibit possession of firearms in the room or rooms where a meeting of a governmental entity is held, if the meeting is an open meeting subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, you may see an increase in open carry in city facilities where firearms are not restricted.

Prohibited places include the following: Schools; polling places; courts or offices utilized by courts; racetracks; secured areas of airports; bars; sporting events (high school, college, or professional); correctional facilities; civil commitment facilities; hospitals; mental hospitals; nursing homes; amusement parks; and government entity open meetings, including city council, city council committees, and board and commission meetings.

The City of Dallas will continue to **PROHIBIT** weapons, including firearms, in courts and posted open meetings. People seeking to attend an open meeting carrying a weapon will not be allowed to enter the room where the meeting is being held. Further, the Act does not impact the city’s Personnel Rule 34-36(b)(16), which prohibits city employees from possessing weapons at work, unless specifically authorized and work related, or as otherwise authorized by this personnel rule.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Gary Lindsey, City Marshal gary.lindsey@dallascityhall.com or 214-670-4383.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Lindsey".

Gary Lindsey
City Marshal

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