

Ordinance No. 4-2022
Second Reading: 4/4/2022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH)

Ordinance No. 4-2022.
An Ordinance on Atlantic Beach Policy on the Carry of
Concealable Weapons during Permitted, Organized Events

The Town of Atlantic Beach Policy on the Carry of Concealable Weapons during permitted, organized events within the jurisdiction of the Town of Atlantic Beach and while on Town premises or workplaces

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina this 7th day of March 2022 that to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens and visitors of the Town of Atlantic Beach, the following policy on the possession of concealable weapons during permitted, organized events within the jurisdiction of the Town of Atlantic Beach and while on Town premises or workplaces is hereby implemented:

1. South Carolina’s Open Carry with Training Act (H3094) took effect on August 15, 2021.
2. The town is opposed to the open carry of firearms at organized events within the Town’s jurisdiction.

Accordingly, all permits for organized events occurring on or after March 7, 2022 (such as public rallies, parades, protests, festivals, or fairs) shall, at a minimum, be subject to a prohibition on the open carry of firearms in the specific area of such event and for the duration of such organized event. Town management shall take all reasonable and necessary action to ensure that temporary restrictions on the otherwise lawful open carrying of a firearm at permitted, organized events within the Town are implemented in compliance with section 23-31-520 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

3. Further, as a public employer, the Town is committed to taking reasonable action necessary to

protect the health, safety, and welfare of its employees. As such, the Town is opposed to persons carrying firearms of any kind into Town-owned buildings, facilities, and workplaces, without express written permission from the Town Manager and the Chief of Police giving the specified person, who must possess a valid concealed weapons permit, permission to carry a concealable weapon while in Town-owned buildings and workplaces. Accordingly, the carrying firearms into Town-owned buildings, facilities and workplaces is prohibited. Town management shall take all reasonable and necessary action to ensure that all Town-owned buildings, facilities, and workplaces are posted with signs in compliance with sections 23-31-220 and 23-31-235 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

4. Persons, including valid concealed weapons permit holders, are prohibited from carrying

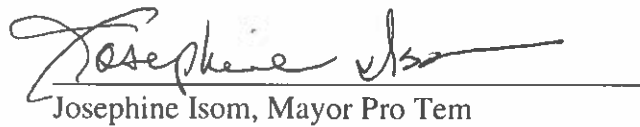
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concealable weapons, as defined in section 23-31-210(5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, whether concealed or not, in those locations set forth in section 23-31-215(M) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Done In Council Assembled This 4th day of April 2022.


Jake Evans, Mayor

Attest:


Josephine Isom, Mayor Pro Tem


Town Clerk


Jacqueline Gore, Councilmember


Town Manager


James DeWitt, Councilmember


Edward Campbell, Councilmember

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