



KENOSHA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A resolution to amend 2011 Resolution 63			
Original []	Corrected []	2nd Correction [x]	Resubmitted []
Date Submitted: 5/23/2022		Date Resubmitted: 6/6/2022	
Submitted by: Erin Decker			
Fiscal Note Attached []		Legal Note Attached [] Agreement	
Prepared by: Supervisor Erin Decker		Signature:	

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature, signed by Governor Scott Walker, enacted 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 on July 8, 2011, a statute that allows most adults to lawfully carry a concealed firearm in Wisconsin after November 1, 2011, if they obtain a “concealed carry” license, and;

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is defined and protected by the Constitution of the United States and the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, and;

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2011, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors passed 2011 Resolution 63, with a vote of 24 ayes and 1 nay, the one dissenting vote cast by Supervisor Erin Decker, and;

WHEREAS, 2011 Resolution 63 enacted a policy that no firearms may be possessed by any person in a building owned, leased or controlled by Kenosha County, except by a duly sworn government law enforcement officer and a person authorized by state statute 175.60(16)(b)2, and;

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 grants employers that do not prohibit one or more employees from lawfully carrying a concealed weapon immunity from any liability arising from its decision, and;

WHEREAS, 2011 Resolution 63 banned the possession of lawfully carried weapons on county property, thereby causing Kenosha County to lose immunity from liability risking taxpayer money if sued; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha did not ban the lawful carrying of a firearm on City property, on advice of their insurance company, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha did not ban the lawful carrying of a firearm on City property, causing confusion to those lawfully carrying a concealed weapon due to the City and County buildings being in close proximity, and;

WHEREAS, banning the possession of a lawfully carried weapon forces a law-abiding individual to remove their weapon and store it off of their person in order to enter a county building, and;

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 specifically allows employees to store a weapon in their car regardless of whether or not the car is on county property, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha has repeatedly asked residents not to store firearms in vehicles due to car thefts and break-ins, and;

WHEREAS, with the exception of the Kenosha County courthouse, the county has no method of enforcement in place to ensure that all persons on county property are in compliance with the firearm ban,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the possession of some concealed or openly displayed weapons in KC Buildings may be a danger to the public and should be regulated, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of Kenosha County that illegal explosives, illegal weapons, objects which are capable of inflicting bodily injury or death, or damage to property, may not be possessed by any person in any building owned, leased or controlled by Kenosha County except by duly sworn government law enforcement officers in the course of their duties, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the display of or brandishing of any weapon on Kenosha County building properties for the purposes of threat, intimidation or to cause harm shall be fully addressed by the fullest extent of the law, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it shall be the policy of the County of Kenosha that firearms and electronic weapons legally possessed and carried per Wisconsin state statutes are allowed in any building or on any grounds owned, leased or controlled by Kenosha County, excluding the Kenosha County courthouse, public safety building, jail, detention center, pre-trial building, and Molinaro building, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kenosha County administration and human resources will update its employee policies, procedures, and safety guidelines, to be consistent with this resolution and the laws and statutes of the State of Wisconsin, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Executive shall cause the removal of signs previously posted under 2011 ordinance #63, and further, to place in effect procedures to enforce this revised policy within 6 months of adoption of this policy.

Erin Decker

Respectfully Submitted:

Committee:

Aye Nay Abstain Excused



Mark Nordigian, Chairperson

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Zack Stock, Vice Chairperson

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Supervisor Laura Belsky

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Supervisor Tim Stocker

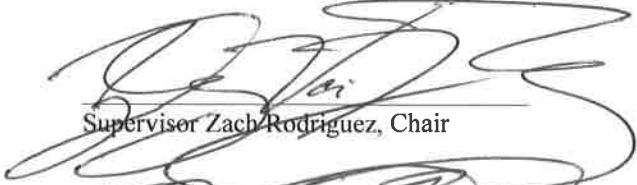

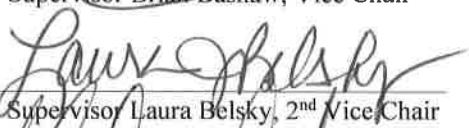
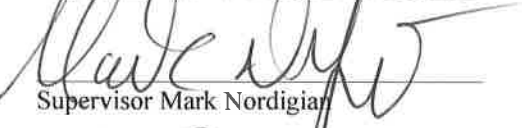
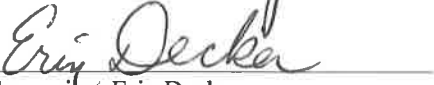

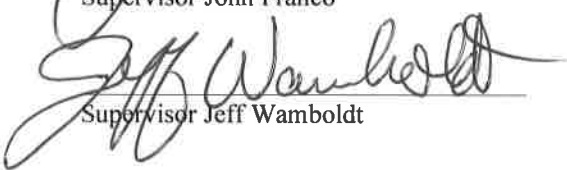
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Supervisor Brian Thomas

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Respectfully Submitted,
JUDICIARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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