

ORDINANCE NO. 4461

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE I, SECTION 78-2 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO BE HEREBY TITLED "COURTHOUSE SECURITY", AND THEREBY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SAID SECTION 78-2 TO ESTABLISH SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR THE BOSSIER PARISH COURTHOUSE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, that Chapter 78, Article I, Section 78-2 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, be and is hereby titled "Courthouse Security", and is amended to read as follows:

Section 78-2. Courthouse Security.

(a) Possession of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities in court facilities.

(1) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Court facility* means a building or part thereof owned by or operated by or under the control of the state, the parish, any municipality or other political subdivision of the state, which is used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for court proceedings regardless of whether actual proceedings are in progress.

*Dangerous weapon/device* includes any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or bodily harm or disrupt security in any form.

(2) Except as provided herein, no person shall knowingly or intentionally possess or cause to be present or attempt to possess or cause to be present in court facilities a firearm or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon.

(3) Except as provided herein, no person shall knowingly or intentionally possess or cause to be present or attempt to possess or cause to be present in court facilities any instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a means of escape or unlawful force, including, but not limited to, devices discharging electrical impulses or noxious gases, liquids, or solids, which might otherwise be employed for self-defense (e.g., stun guns or mace).

(4) This section shall not apply to peace officers, as defined by R.S. 40:2402, to include any constable, marshal, deputy marshal, sheriff, deputy sheriff, local or state police officer, commissioned wildlife agent, federal law enforcement officer, jail or prison guard, parole officer, probation officer, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general, attorney general's investigator, district attorney, assistant district attorney, or district attorney's investigator.

(5) Possession of a concealed handgun permit is not a defense and does not permit the bearer to enter court facilities as set forth herein.

(6) Notice of this section shall be posted generally and conspicuously at each public entrance to each court facility. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this section if such notice is not posted, unless such person had actual notice of the provisions of this section.

(b) Courthouse security and screening procedures.

(1) The Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office will be responsible for the security of the courthouse complex.

(2) The Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office will promulgate policies and procedures related to courthouse security and screening procedures to enforce such policies and procedures in order to secure the courthouse facilities, personnel and visitors.

**ALL INDIVIDUALS, UNLESS DULY NOTED, WILL ADHERE TO THESE PROCEDURES.**

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY