

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Oswego County Legislature shall hold a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2008, entitled, "A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN BUILDINGS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO" on the 10th day of April 2008 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening of said day at the Oswego County Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 46 E. Bridge Street, Oswego, NY 13126.

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The County of Oswego, through its Legislature, hereby declares it has the proprietary right to make needful laws, rules and regulations pertaining to its property and that it is necessary for the security, safety, protection and well-being of its employees and its property, and individuals present thereupon, to place restrictions on the bearing and possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons and instruments by persons while entering into and being present within buildings owned, leased and/or operated by the County of Oswego.

Section 2. Prohibited Acts

No person shall bear or have in his or her possession, either openly or concealed, any firearm, gun, explosive device or substance, lethal or debilitating chemical or gas, a firearm as defined by Penal Law 265.00, a "deadly weapon" as defined in subdivision 12 of section 10 of the New York State Penal Law, or a "dangerous instrument" as defined in subdivision 13 of section 10 of the New York State Penal Law, while entering and/or being present in any building owned, leased or operated by the County of Oswego. Prohibited items shall include, but are not limited to: a rifle, shotgun, pistol, target pistol, imitation pistol, knife, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, switchblade, blackjack and metal knuckles. This prohibition and law shall also extend to the entirety of the county's lands contiguous to the buildings constituting and located at Camp Hollis.

Section 3. Valid Pistol Permit Not A Defense to Possess Weapon on County Property

The limitations and restrictions in county buildings imposed herein shall apply notwithstanding the fact that the possessor of a firearm may have a permit to possess or carry said weapon within the State of New York.

Section 4. Exclusions

This local law shall not apply to any federal law enforcement officer with authority to make arrests and carry firearms while in the course of their official duties, and any "police officer" or "peace officer" as defined in the New York State Criminal Procedure Law sections 1.20 and 2.10 while acting in the course of their official duties only.

Section 5. Penalties

A violation of this law shall be a Class B Misdemeanor and shall be punishable by confinement in the Oswego County Public Safety Center for a term not to exceed three (3) months and/or a fine not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars. A violation of this law shall be reported to any applicable Pistol Permit Licensing Officer and may also result in the suspension and/or revocation of any applicable county-issued pistol permit.

Section 6. Applicable County Facilities to be Posted

Any county facility covered by this local law shall have signs conspicuously posted at the entrances thereof advising that this local law applies to the premises.

Section 7. Effective Date

This local law shall become effective immediately.

By Order of the Oswego County Legislature March 13, 2008
Theodore I. Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature