



## **PARKER UNIVERSITY FIREARMS AND WEAPONS POLICY**

### **Policy Statement**

All Students, Faculty and Staff of the Parker University Community, as well as visitors, are prohibited from possessing firearms, explosives or weapons (hereafter referred to as “weapons”) on the premises of the university without the explicit advance authorization of the university, regardless of whether a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor. This policy excludes the following:

### **Reason for Policy/Purpose**

The University is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment to conduct educational and research activities. This policy is a proactive step towards reducing the risk of injury or death associated with intentional or accidental use of weapons.

### **Who Needs To Know This Policy**

Faculty, staff, students and visitors “Everyone who occupies our Campus”

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### **Policy/Procedures**

All faculty, staff, students and visitors to the university are strictly prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition for any caliber of firearm, explosives or weapons (hereafter referred to as “weapons”) on the premises of the university without the explicit advance authorization of the university, regardless of whether a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor. The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

1. Commissioned law enforcement officers to the extent they are legally permitted to possess weapons in the jurisdiction in which the university premises are located may do so on the premises of the university in such jurisdiction. For instance, Dallas Police Department officers who are legally permitted to possess weapons in the State of Texas may possess such weapons on Parker University campus.
2. Commissioned Security Officers contracted for security services by and for Parker University who are legally permitted to possess weapons as required by Texas Department of Public.
3. Persons authorized by their employer, and duly licensed and legally permitted under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are located to possess weapons, (such as employees of armored car services that collect or transport cash, checks, valuables, etc.) may do so on the premises of the university in such jurisdiction.
4. Persons in the military in performance of their official duties to the extent they are legally permitted to possess weapons in the jurisdiction in which they are located may do so on the premises of the university in such jurisdiction.

Anyone possessing a weapon other than those in the exception categories will be asked to remove it from university premises immediately.

Subjects in violation of this policy may also be subjected to arrest Per Texas Penal Code 46.03(a) and Texas Penal code 46.03(f)

According to the Texas Penal Code (Tex. Penal Code § 46.03(a) and Tex. Penal Code § 46.03(f) an individuals are prohibited from intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possessing or going with a firearm on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or in a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or educational institution, whether the school or educational institution is public or private, unless pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution. Concealed weapons permit holders are subject to this prohibition with the following exceptions.



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### **Firearm exception in motor vehicle SB1907**

5. SB1907 states that an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education may not adopt or enforce any rule, regulation, or other provision or take any other action, including posting notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code, prohibiting or placing restrictions on the storage or transportation of a firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle by a person, including a student enrolled at that institution, who holds a license to carry a concealed handgun and lawfully possesses the firearm or ammunition:

- (1) On a street or driveway located on the campus of the institution; or
- (2) In a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area located on the campus of the institution.

### **Weapons Defined:**

A comprehensive term for all instruments of offensive or defensive combat, including items used in injuring a person.

The term *weapons* includes numerous items that can cause death or injury, including firearms, explosives, chemicals, and nuclear material. Because weapons pose a danger to the safety and well-being of individuals and communities, federal, state, and local statutes regulate the possession and use of weapons.

A dangerous or deadly weapon is one that is likely to cause death or great bodily harm. A handgun, a hand grenade, or a long knife are examples of deadly weapons. A weapon capable of causing death is, however, not necessarily a weapon likely to produce death. For example, an ordinary penknife is capable of causing death, but it is not considered a deadly weapon.

### **Firearm Defined:**

The term “firearm” means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.