

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING POSSESSION OF  
FIREARMS ON DESIGNATED CITY PROPERTY,  
AND SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS OF SAID PROHIBITION**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MADISON:

**Sec. 1. PROHIBITIONS.** It is prohibited for any person to possess a firearm, whether concealed or carried openly, in any municipal building or the grounds thereof, or within the boundaries of any public park or arboretum (including streets, sidewalks, driveways or parking areas located therein), or the grounds of the Cultural Arts Center, or any other public property being used for public events or gatherings, including athletic events or practices. Public property leased to and under exclusive control of third parties shall be governed by the directions of the lessees, as in the case of privately owned property.

**Sec. 2. NOTIFICATIONS.** Areas or buildings where firearms are prohibited shall be indicated by signage reasonably designed and placed to provide notice to the public.

**Sec. 3. EXCEPTIONS.** These prohibitions notwithstanding, firearms may be kept stored (but not openly displayed) in vehicles in the parking areas of such locations.

**Sec. 4. LAW ENFORCEMENT.** This prohibition shall not apply to law enforcement personnel, or other personnel specifically identified and qualified in Miss. Code Section 97-37-7; however, this prohibition shall apply to bond enforcement agents, however designated.

**Sec. 5. PENALTIES AND NON-EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.** The Penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be a fine in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars or imprisonment for a term of ninety days or both. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the filing of trespass charges or any other applicable charges as a result of the activity prohibited herein.

**Sec. 6. SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER.** If any provision of this Act, the amendments made by this Ordinance, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of the provisions of such to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. Any ordinance in conflict with this enactment is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** In order to address potential issues that may occur as a result of a recent Mississippi Supreme Court ruling regarding state statutes involving firearms, and to ensure preservation of the public peace, this ordinance shall take effect from and after passage.

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The above and foregoing Ordinance having previously been reduced to writing, a motion was made by Alderman Hickok and a second by Alderman Howland to approve and adopt the Ordinance and no request having been made by the Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen that said Ordinance be read by the City Clerk before a vote was taken. Said Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Aldermen with results being as follows:

Alderman Howland voted:	Yea
Alderman Tatum voted:	Yea
Alderman Peeler voted:	Yea
Alderman Jacobs voted:	Yea
Alderman Hickok voted:	Yea
Alderman Hudgins voted:	Yea
Alderman Bowering voted:	Yea

The motion having received the affirmative vote of all members of the Board of Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the motion so carried and this Ordinance adopted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2013.

CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Mary Hawkins Butler  
Mary Hawkins Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan B. Crandall  
Susan Crandall  
City Clerk