

**ORDINANCE NO. #08:11-23
BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT CHAPTER 216. FIREARMS AND WEAPONS,
PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS FOR THE CARRYING, USE, POSSESSION OR
DISCHARGE OR FIRING OF DANGEROUS OR DEADLY WEAPONS**

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, Glenn A. Grant, Administrative Director of the Courts, from the Administrative Office of the Court, issued Directive #1-23, Prohibition of the Carrying of Weapons Inclusive of Firearms in State Court Locations; Screening for Weapons; and

WHEREAS, This directive confirms that weapons, including firearms, are prohibited from being carried in state courthouses and other state court facilities. The only exceptions to this policy are (1) Sheriff's Officers who provide courthouse security, (2) on-duty law enforcement officers on official business, (3) armored car employees who are escorted by a Sheriff's Officer, and (4) any other authorized security entity; and

WHEREAS, this policy reinforces the Judiciary's longstanding practice of prohibiting weapons in state courts. L. 2022, c. 131, enacted in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v Bruen, 597 U.S. ___, 142 S.Ct. 2111, 213 L.Ed.2d 387 (2022), lists twenty-five locations as "sensitive" places where a person is prohibited from carrying a firearm or destructive device. Included in that list are courthouses, government buildings, and places used for governmental administration; and.

WHEREAS, while this policy applies specifically to state-level Judiciary locations, municipalities and counties are strongly urged to establish similar policies that restrict or prohibit the carrying of firearms in rooms or buildings where Municipal Courts are located and Assignment Judges and Trial Court Administrators are directed to work with municipal leaders on the establishment and enforcement of such protocols.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 216, Firearms and Weapons, hereby amends the Code of the Borough of Bellmawr as follows:

the effective date of this article, shall be provided with a rapid-entry key box.

- E. Privacy protection. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this article, no official, employee or member of the Bureau of Fire Safety or Fire Department shall request, nor shall an owner be required to provide, a key to any self-contained, individual living space area, unit or room.
- F. Keys and information kept up-to-date. The owner or operator of any occupancy or structure that requires a rapid-entry-key-box system shall be required to have kept therein updated keys and documents for all locks and structures as required at all times.
- G. Violations and penalties. Violators of this article shall be subject to penalties as set forth in the Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12.

SECTION 9: All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 11: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction: August 24, 2023

Adoption: September 28, 2023

BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR



Charles J. Sauter, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Francine M. Wright, RMC, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Francine M. Wright, Clerk of the Borough of Bellmawr, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council at their meeting of September 28, 2023, in the Municipal Building, 21 East Browning Road, Bellmawr, New Jersey.

Francine M. Wright, RMC, Borough Clerk

SECTION 1: Article I, § 216-1., entitled “Prohibited acts.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

The carrying, use, possession except within his own domicile, discharge or firing of dangerous or deadly weapons in the Borough of Bellmawr is hereby prohibited. Moreover, no person shall possess a firearm on any municipally owned or controlled building, municipally owned or controlled property, or municipal parks or grounds, with the exception of: (a) Any law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm (on or off duty); or (b) Any retired law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm under 18 U.S.C. 926C(c) (Federal Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act, a.k.a. LEOSA); or (c) Any person who receives permission in writing by the Chief of Police of the Borough of Bellmawr.


SECTION 2. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Bellmawr inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

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