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SECTION ONE
GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1.01 The intent of this regulation is to establish guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Texas state statute authorizing the concealed carry of handguns on the premises of Angelina College. The President of Angelina College established this regulation in consultation with faculty, staff, and students. The Board of Trustees reviewed the regulation on May 8, 2017.

1.02 This regulation will become effective August 1, 2017 and is intended to be in compliance with the requirements of Texas Government Code Section 411.2031.

1.03 This policy will be reviewed in August of even numbered years by the President and/or AC Campus Carry Committee.

SECTION TWO
DEFINITIONS

2.01 Campus – all land and buildings owned or leased by Angelina College as lessee.

2.02 Premises – a building or portion of a building

2.03 Handgun license holder – an individual licensed to carry a concealed handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code ("Chapter 411"). Generally, such an eligible individual must be at least 21 years of age, not have a criminal record as defined by the code, and meet certain education and proficiency requirements. Chapter 411 contains some exceptions to the age requirement (e.g., ex-military personnel).

2.04 Concealed handgun – a handgun, on or about one’s person and the presence of which is not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.

2.05 Exclusionary zone – any premise in which the carry of a concealed handgun is prohibited by virtue of Texas statute or this policy.

2.06 Secure storage – a locked vehicle or a locked gun safe.
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SECTION THREE
GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.01 Subject to applicable Texas or federal laws and rules adopted by the College, individuals holding a valid Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) or the new state designation for the same, License to Carry (LTC), will be allowed to carry a handgun(s), concealed on their person, on the campus of Angelina College.

3.02 Pursuant to Texas Penal Code Sections 46.035 and 30.07, the open display of a handgun in plain view of another person on Angelina College property is prohibited except by an authorized individual such as a peace officer while in the actual discharge of his/her duty.

3.03 While Angelina College will employ all reasonable means to delineate exclusionary zones by signage in accord with Texas statutory law, it is the responsibility of the permit holder to know, understand, and follow the applicable laws and this policy while on any campus of or site controlled by Angelina College.

3.04 Authorized handgun license holders are not required to disclose their license to carry status to anyone other than a law enforcement officer. The College will not maintain a list of license to carry holders. This information is not a matter of public record. Angelina College employees (other than law enforcement officers) may not require students or employees to disclose their license to carry status.

3.05 When not carried on or about a person, handguns must be in a locked personal vehicle or a locked gun safe. Gun safes must meet the following requirements:
   3.05.1 be large enough to fully contain all firearms placed in it and provide for secure storage;
   3.05.2 have exterior walls constructed of a minimum 16-gauge steel;
   3.05.3 have high-strength locking system consisting of a mechanical or electronic combination or biometric lock, and not a key lock; and
   3.05.4 be certified to/listed as meeting Underwriters Laboratories Residential Security Container rating standards by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

SECTION FOUR
SPECIFIC EXCLUSIONS TO CONCEALED CARRY OF A HANDGUN

4.01 Exclusionary Zone – The College President is the only person with the authority to declare a specific premise or venue as an exclusionary zone. Therefore, except as provided herein, without the express written consent of the President, no faculty
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member, staff member, student, or student group may exclude a specific premise or venue as “off limits.”

4.02 Exclusion by Law – Texas statutes outside of Texas Government Code Section 411.2031 separately provide exclusions of certain premises or events, which provisions are hereby incorporated. Under such laws, concealed carry is prohibited in the following premises or locations:
4.02.1 Places of religious worship;
4.02.2 Where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place, including Angelina College athletic events;
4.02.3 Where any UIL sanctioned competition is being held;
4.02.4 Where any Board of Trustees meeting is being held;
4.02.5 Where any other official governmental meeting or judicial or conduct proceeding is being conducted, and
4.02.6 Where polling is being conducted for local, state, or federal elections.

4.03 Additional exclusions are as follow:
4.03.1 At the request of an individual or organization not under the control of Angelina College, on a case-by-case basis, the College President may declare other specific College premises or venues “off limits” for concealed carry. Adoption of exclusion for a premise or venue must be reasonably justified and time limited. The requestor must provide evidence that a concealed handgun on that particular premise or venue during that specific event creates some special danger. Requests for exclusion must be provided in writing to the Office of the President at a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the event.
4.03.2 To assist in the process of approving exclusions, the Angelina College Campus Carry Committee will be charged with reviewing requests for exclusions and making recommendations to the College President.

SECTION FIVE
RESIDENCE HALLS

5.01 Handgun license holders residing in Angelina College residence halls will be allowed to possess handguns on the premise provided that:
a.) such possession is in compliance at all times with Texas statutory law and these rules; and
b.) the license holder stores his/her handgun in a College approved gun safe (as defined in Section 3.05 of this policy) or in a locked personal vehicle.
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5.02 Students who are assigned to residence hall rooms where a firearm is stored and who are concerned about their wellbeing, may request a transfer to another room. Students should notify the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs to make this request.

SECTION SIX
INFORMATION TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

6.01 Angelina College will widely distribute these rules and regulations and offer educational information regarding these rules and safety procedures to the students, staff, and faculty via the College’s website, the College Policy and Procedure Manual, the College Catalog, and other appropriate publications.