



**An Ordinance Permitting the Posting of Signs Prohibiting
The Carrying of Concealed Handguns on Certain Municipal Property**

WHEREAS, Chapter 398 of the 1995 Session Laws made changes to the laws governing concealed weapons by establishing a system that will allow private citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, this change will significantly increase the number of individuals who may legally carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict the carrying of concealed handguns on certain town property in order to protect the health and safety of municipal employees and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, N. C. G. S. 14-415.23 authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances to permit the posting of a prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun, in accordance with N. C. G. S. 14-415.11(c), on local government buildings, their appurtenant premises, and parks; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to direct the posting of municipal property such that, pursuant to N. C. G. S. 14-415.11(c), the carrying of concealed handguns on the posted premises will constitute a violation of N. C. G. S. Chapter 14, article 54B;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Level, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Posting of Signs Required. The Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on or within each park and each building or portion of a building owned, leased as lessee, operated, occupied, managed or controlled by the town, as well as the appurtenant premises to such buildings, indicating that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited therein.

Section 2. Location of Signs. Signs on buildings shall be visibly posted on the exterior of each entrance by which the general public can access the building. The Public Works Superintendent shall exercise discretion in determining the number and appropriate location of signs to be placed on or within appurtenant premises and parks.

Section 3. Severability; Conflict of Laws. If this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be given separate effect and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

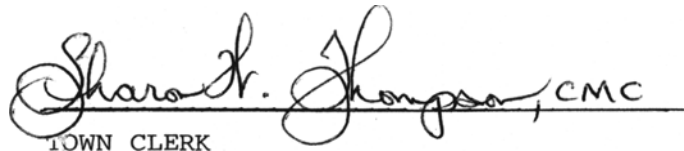
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the appropriate signage has been posted at the appropriate locations as specified.

ADOPTED, THIS THE TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER 1995.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon H. Thompson, CMC", written over a horizontal line.

TOWN CLERK

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