

RESOLUTION NO. 6101 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 32-46.1 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, parish buildings and their surrounding grounds are foci of activity for the public and for parish government;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in gun violence within the parish over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the public from potential gun violence on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Section 32-46.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-46.1. - Parish buildings—Prohibited acts.

- (a) No persons, group or association shall use the grounds or steps of parish buildings for rallies, meetings, exhibits, or other gatherings without prior authorization of the director of the department of facilities and maintenance or designee of the parish administrator. Provided that prior authorization shall not be required for any person, group or association using the grounds or steps of Government Plaza with the approval or permission of the City of Shreveport.
- (b) The parish buildings and grounds are defined as any of the following:
 - (1) Frances P. Bickham Building being the building and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on Lots 1 and 2 of Block [32](#), City of Shreveport except any street rights-of-way, including sidewalks, belonging to or maintained by the City of Shreveport.
 - (2) Government Plaza being the building and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Block 22, City of Shreveport except any street rights-of-way, including sidewalks, belonging to or maintained by the City of Shreveport.
 - (3) Juvenile Justice Complex being the buildings and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of [Section 31](#), Township 18 North, Range 13 West as per Assessors City Plat 979, Tr. [53](#), being 4.627 acres more or less.
- (c) No person shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage in a parish building or on grounds thereof or remain on or in a parish building or on grounds thereof while in an intoxicated condition.
- (d) No person shall deliberately scatter or leave upon grounds of a parish building any paper, rags, bottles, cans, broken glass, garbage, offal or offensive matter.
- (e) No person shall void any excrement or urine in a parish building or on the grounds thereof unless that person is using a facility designed for that purpose such as a restroom or portable toilet.
- (f) No person shall cut, write upon, deface, defile or otherwise injure or destroy property of the parish.
- (g) No person shall carry any firearm, weapon, fireworks, or explosives on the courthouse grounds unless that person is a duly qualified law enforcement officer while acting in that capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date