Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to conform Pima County Policy governing weapons on Pima County property or in Pima County facilities or vehicles to Arizona State law.

Policy

Weapons are prohibited in the Pima County facilities listed below unless secured in County-supplied lockers. The term “weapons” is defined as: Firearms, ammunition, explosives, knives, flammable liquids, chemical deterrents (such as tear gas, mace and similar chemicals and gasses), disabling devices such as stun guns and any items designed for lethal use. Persons in possession of other items which are not designed for use as weapons, but which may be used in a harmful manner, shall be prohibited from entering or remaining in County facilities and vehicles upon the reasonable request of a County elected official or his chief deputy, the County Administrator or a division or department head.

Weapons are Prohibited in the Following Facilities at the Specific Locations Noted

Main Administration Building – Public Areas of the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
130 W. Congress Street

Superior Courts Building – All Floors
110 W. Congress Street

Administration West Building – Pretrial Services east entrance only
150 W. Congress Street

Public Service Center Building – All Floors
240 N. Stone Avenue

Legal Services Building – All Floors
32 N. Stone Avenue

Juvenile Courts Facility – All Floors
225 E. Ajo Way

Adult Detention Facility – All Floors
1300 W. Silverbell Road

Minimum Security Facility – All Floors
1801 S. Mission Road

Elections Center
6550 S. Country Club Road
This policy does not prohibit the carrying of personal-sized chemical deterrents, which are carried for personal protection, or pocket knives with a blade length of less than three inches.

This policy does not apply to any items purchased by Pima County for use in the normal course of County business.

Certified peace officers acting in the performance of their official duties and persons who have obtained the written authorization of the County Administrator to carry weapons while in County facilities or vehicles are exempt from this policy. Application for such written authorization may be made to the County Administrator and shall state the reasons therefore. The County Administrator may grant such authorization upon a showing of good cause. Such authorization is valid for a period of up to one year from the date it is granted by the County Administrator, unless revoked at an earlier date by the County Administrator. Persons receiving such authorization shall comply with all federal, state and local laws regarding the possession of weapons.

**Responsible Department**

1. County Administrator

**Notice and Posting**

1. Posting at locations where weapons are prohibited will conform to Arizona State law.

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