

A Resolution to Implement State Legislation affecting Firearms

RESOLUTION #2022-_____

Whereas, on July 1, 2022, the New York State Legislature enacted and Governor Hochul signed comprehensive legislation (Senate Bill S51001 and Assembly Bill A41001) restricting the concealed carrying of firearms within the State, including within any “sensitive location” as designated under that legislation; and

Whereas, the sensitive locations so designated, include “any place owned or under the control of federal, state or local government, for the purpose of government administration, including courts;” and

Whereas, the Town of Enfield has several such places under its control; and

Whereas, this Town Board seeks to implement the afore-referenced firearm regulatory measures so as to conform to State statutory requirements and to enhance community safety; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby declares that within all Enfield Town-owned and operated facilities, including, but not limited to, the Enfield Town Hall, the Enfield Courthouse, and the Enfield Highway Facility, and upon the Town-owned grounds surrounding such buildings, the concealed carrying of firearms shall be prohibited, with the lone exception being those facilities, including the Sheriff’s Department Substation, where authorized police officers and peace officers may carry such weapons in accordance with exceptions appropriately provided in the state legislation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are hereby directed to procure and post appropriate signage advising the general public of this policy; and be it further

Resolved, that this Town Board encourages all Enfield organizations and community groups with which it holds contractual or funding arrangements, whether or not those groups’ premises have been declared a “sensitive location” under the statute, to voluntarily adopt, implement, and enforce a policy similar to that of this Town Board Resolution, and to post such policy conspicuously.

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