

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING HANDGUNS AND OTHER FIREARMS, INTO ANY MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR LICENSED PEACE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, in the 84th Legislative Session, the Legislature adopted new regulations related to open and concealed, licensed handgun carry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite desires to comply with state law and properly implement these new regulations as they interface with many existing weapon and firearm regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 46.035(c) of the Texas Penal Code, concealed or open carrying of a handgun is prohibited if the license holder is given notice, pursuant to Sections 30.06 and 30.07 of the Texas Penal Code, that carrying is prohibited into any meeting of a governmental entity subject to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act).

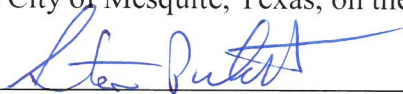
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, hereby adopts a policy prohibiting the carrying of weapons, including handguns and other firearms, into any meeting of a governmental entity that is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act to read as follows:

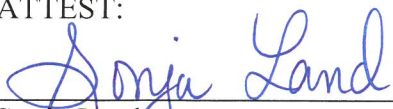
*Possession of Weapons Restricted at Open Meetings.*

- A. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, hereby adopts a policy prohibiting a person, except a licensed peace officer, from carrying a weapon including, without limitation, a concealed and open carry handgun and other firearms, into a room or rooms where the City is holding a meeting that is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- B. For purposes of this policy, a weapon includes prohibited weapons defined by Section 46.05 of the Texas Penal Code and firearms, clubs and illegal knives as defined by Section 46.01 of the Texas Penal Code.

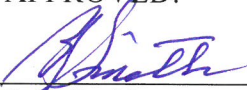
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 7th day of March, 2016.

  
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Stan Pickett  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sonja Land  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney