

## **ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP POLICIES**

### **ILLINOIS FIREARM CONCEALED CARRY ACT**

Beginning January 1, 2014, it is the policy of Rock Island Township to comply with the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66 et seq.) (Public ACT 098-0063) in the following ways:

#### **Purpose**

Rock Island Township is committed to a safe and secure environment for the general public and its employees. The Township established this Concealed Carry and Prohibited Weapons Policy pursuant to the 2013 Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66 et seq.). The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions on possession, storage, and / or concealed carry of firearms and weapons on Township property as defined below.

#### **Policy**

This policy applies to all Township employees, officials, Trustees, Assessor, Clerk, Supervisor and the general public. All persons covered by this policy, unless authorized by law or a specific exception in this policy, are prohibited:

1. From possessing, storing, carrying, or unlawfully using any weapon or firearm on Township property or in any vehicle owned, leased or controlled by the Township even if that person has a valid federal or state license to possess or carry a firearm.
2. From displaying, brandishing, discharging, or otherwise using any and all weapons or firearms, including concealed weapons or firearms.

#### **Exceptions**

The carrying or use of a firearm will be permitted in the following circumstances only if all criteria are met:

1. The firearm is carried by an on duty law enforcement officer required to carry a weapon or firearm as a condition of his or her other employment; or
2. The firearm is carried by an enforcement officer from an external agency conducting official business on Township property; or

3. A concealed firearm may be stored within personally owned vehicle only in certain areas of the parking area and only if all of the following conditions are met pursuant to subsection 65(b) of the Act, as follows:
  - a. The individual has a valid conceal and carry permit; and
  - b. The firearm and its ammunition is concealed in a case within the locked vehicle (“case” includes a glove compartment or console that completely encloses the firearm or ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container) or the firearm and / or its ammunition is concealed in a locked container out of plain view within the vehicle; and
  - c. If the person removes the concealed firearm from the vehicle, it must first be unloaded inside the vehicle, and it may only be removed for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving it from the truck of the vehicle.

### **Violations**

Knowledge of violations of this policy should be reported to the Rock Island Police Department and the Township Supervisor.

Violations of this policy by employees will be considered “misconduct” and will subject the employee to discipline, up to and including expulsion or discharge / termination / dismissal as well as potential criminal prosecution.

Violations of this policy by visitors or general public will subject the individual to removal / restriction from any and all property owned, leased or controlled by the Township, on a temporary or permanent basis as well as potential criminal prosecution.

### **Definitions**

**Concealed firearm** – means loaded or unloaded handgun (any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas that is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand) carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public or on or about a person within a vehicle.

Township property - any building, owned by Rock Island Township including but not limited to Township Hall, whether owned, leased, or controlled by the Township this includes but is not limited to any Township owned or leased vehicles, real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, any buildings, real property and parking areas and common areas owned, leased, under control of the Township and shall include Greenbush Gardens Park.

By action of the Rock Island Town Board this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2014

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Alan M. Carmen  
Township Supervisor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Joan Clark  
Town Clerk