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FROM: Dona H. Cornell, Vice Chancellor, University of Houston System

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SUBJECT: Report of the University of Houston System- Campus Carry Compliance

On behalf of the University of Houston System, I am providing you with this notification of compliance for each University within the UH System with the requirements of Texas Government Code § 411.2031 *Carrying of Handguns by License Holders on Certain Campuses*, in particular as they relate to the following provisions of the statute:

(d-3) An institution of higher education shall widely distribute the rules, regulations, or other provisions described by Subsection (d-1) to the institution's students, staff, and faculty, including by prominently publishing the provisions on the institution's Internet website.

(d-4) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, each institution of higher education in this state shall submit a report to the legislature and to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the implementation and continuation of this section that:

- (1) describes its rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on the campus of the institution; and
- (2) explains the reasons the institution has established those provisions.

1. Rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on the campus of the institution

Each component institution of the UH System has developed a Campus Carry website, and has published its Campus Carry Policy, including rules and regulations, on its website. The Campus Carry website for each University provides further information about the process followed at that University in developing its Campus Carry policy, including its consideration regarding the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment, as further explained in Section 2 below. The Campus Carry rules and websites can be found at the following locations:

University of Houston:

Campus Carry Policy:

Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures (MAPP) 07.01.05

<https://www.uh.edu/policies/mapps/07-public-safety/070105/>

Adopted July 1, 2016; Last Revised April 28, 2026

Campus Carry Home Page:

<https://www.uh.edu/police/policies-training/campus-carry/>

Since the University's 2024 report to the Legislature, revisions have been made to the University of Houston Campus Carry Policy. Specifically, Appendix 1 to the policy which covers specific Campus Carry Zones was revised on April 28, 2026 to modify the list of buildings as noted in Appendix A to this notification.

UH - Clear Lake:

Campus Carry Policy:

<https://www.uhcl.edu/policies/documents/administration/campus-carry-policy.pdf>

Adopted July 7, 2016; Last Revised May 12, 2023

Campus Carry Home Page:

<https://www.uhcl.edu/police/campus-carry>

Since the University's 2024 report to the Legislature, no revisions have been made to the UH - Clear Lake Campus Carry Policy.

UH - Downtown:

Campus Carry Policy:

<https://www.uhd.edu/hr/policies/ps-01a16-campus-carry-policy.aspx>

Adopted August 1, 2016; Last Revised June 27, 2024

Campus Carry Home Page:

<https://www.uhd.edu/police-department/campus-carry/index.aspx>

Since the University's 2024 report to the Legislature, no revisions have been made to the UH – Downtown Campus Carry Policy.

2. Reasons the institution has established those provisions

In 2015, The 84th Texas Legislature passed, and Governor Greg Abbott signed, Senate Bill 11, also known as the Campus Carry law. SB 11 amended Section 411.2031 of the Texas Government Code to allow carrying of handguns by license holders on college campuses beginning on August 1, 2016. The law authorized each Texas public university to adopt its campus carry policy after presenting it to, and receiving feedback from, the University community and the Board of Regents.

Each component University within the University of Houston System charged a campus carry work group with the responsibility of developing a campus carry policy that:

1. is compliant with the Campus Carry law,
2. addresses the safety and welfare of university students and the campus community, and
3. which is based upon input obtained from campus constituents.

Each work group was comprised of representatives from various University departments and groups. In order to establish the proper exclusion zones, each component University consulted with its students, staff, and faculty regarding the nature of the student population, as well as the specific safety considerations and uniqueness of each campus environment. Factors considered

included but were not limited to, mental health counseling, health-related clinical facilities, grievances, and disciplinary hearings (including allegations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, etc.), sporting and interscholastic events, places of religious worship, day care facilities and school, campus programs for minors, university housing, and polling places. Each component University also analyzed statutes under Texas and Federal law to determine, by analogy, which areas on campus would be proper exclusion zones.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at DHCornell@uh.edu, or Jeffrey David Palmer, Deputy General Counsel/Interim Chief Compliance Officer at jdpalmer@uh.edu.

Appendix A - University of Houston

Outline of Changes to University of Houston Campus Carry Policy

Revisions have been made to the University of Houston Campus Carry Policy since the University's last report to the Legislature. Specifically, Appendix 1 to the policy which covers specific Campus Carry Zones and buildings in those respective zones was revised on April 28, 2026 as follows:

- a. Excluded Zone
 - Buildings Removed
 - 0488 Satellite Central Plant 1
 - 0533 Melcher Gym/Charter School
 - 0555 Law Residence Hall
 - 0556 Settegast Residence Hall
 - 0557 Bates Residence Hall
 - 0558 Taub Residence Hall
 - Buildings Added
 - 0479 Quadrangle
 - 0467 College of Medicine Central Plant
 - Buildings Whose Names Were Corrected
 - 0526 Student Services Center 2
 - 0568 J. Dart Jr. Accessibility Center
 - 0698 Clinical Research Services Center
- b. Not Excluded Zone
 - Buildings Removed
 - 0559 E.E. Oberholtzer Res. Hall, *108
 - 0560 UH-DPS Parking Enforcement
 - 0567 Student Center Satellite
 - 0591 Visitor Information Booth 1
 - 0595 Chinese Star Restaurant
 - Buildings Added
 - 0469 Retail Auxiliary Dining Center
 - 0473 University Gateway Parking Garage
 - 0477 Elgin Street Parking Garage
- c. Partially Excluded
 - Buildings Added
 - 0533 Melcher Life Sciences Building

These changes were based upon the recommendation of the University of Houston System Office of General Counsel and the University of Houston Chief of Police with approval from the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance.