

**Alpena County Buildings and Courts
Interim Firearm Policy**

This policy governs when elected officials may carry a firearm, which for purposes of this policy is a handgun/pistol, in all Alpena County buildings, including every court within the county.

An elected official may carry a firearm inside these buildings only if the official holds a valid Michigan Concealed Pistol License issued under MCL 28.421 et seq.

Before carrying any firearm, the elected official must submit a written request to both the Chief Judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit Court and the Commissioner's Office and provide proof of a valid CPL certification. The signed approval must be filed with Human Resources.

The Chief Judge and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners will have sole discretion to approve the request however the Chief Judge may revoke approval at any time. Each approval remains valid for one year from the date of issuance. An elected official who wishes to continue carrying a firearm after the approval expires must submit a written renewal request with updated proof of CPL certification. Furthermore, if at any time, the elected official has their CPL suspended or revoked, their permission to carry is automatically revoked and they shall immediately notify the Chief Judge of the suspension or revocation.

The Chief Judge may also authorize additional exceptions in extraordinary circumstances and must document any such authorization in writing. All individuals must comply with applicable law governing firearms, including MCL 750.234d, which prohibits possession of firearms on certain premises circumstances, and MCL 28.425o, which identifies premises where a CPL holder may not carry a concealed pistol. Nothing in this policy authorizes conduct prohibited by state or federal law.

Any individual authorized under this policy to carry a firearm is solely responsible for the security of the firearm. If it is not on their person, it shall be stored in an enclosed and locked case.

This interim firearm policy shall expire on December 31, 2028.

Dated:

Hon. K. Edward Black, Chief Judge

Dated:

John Kozlowski, Board Chairman

Acknowledgment of Policy

I understand any approval to carry a firearm is for a maximum of one (1) year from this date and must be renewed annually unless otherwise stated. I further understand that termination or suspension of employment or my status as an elected official is an automatic termination of any approval given to carry a firearm in the county building/court facilities. Termination or non-renewal of my CPL also automatically terminates any approval given to carry a firearm in the county building/court facilities. I have read and shall abide by all policies of the Alpena County buildings and courts firearm and weapons policies and understand they are subject to modification which may affect my approval to carry.

Name: _____ Date: _____