

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Date: February 15, 2006

REGULATION TITLE:
Possession and Use of Firearms

REGULATION NO.:
6C1-2.001

SUMMARY: The amendments clarify the provisions of the regulation by defining firearms to be as set forth in Section 790.001(6), Florida Statutes, but also including antique firearms. The amendments require unloading of firearms prior to storage and set forth conditions for the possession of firearms at IFAS Research and Education Centers.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS: Rebecca J. Holt, Executive Secretary, 123 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113125, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, 352-392-1358 office, 352-392-4387 facsimile, regulations@ufl.edu.

NAME OF PERSON WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Ed Poppell, Vice President for Finance and Administration

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

~~REGULATIONS~~RULES OF
~~DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION~~
~~DIVISION OF UNIVERSITIES~~
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

6C1-2.001 ~~University of Florida;~~ Possession and Use of Firearms.

(1) The possession of firearms on the University campus or any land or property occupied by the University of Florida is prohibited ~~except where hereinafter specifically authorized.~~

(2) Definitions

(a) The University "campus" is defined for purposes of this ~~regulation~~policy to include those lands located in the City of Gainesville, Florida, occupied by the University of Florida, and bounded generally by 13th Street on the East, University Avenue on the North, 34th Street on the West and Archer Road on the South, including premises occupied by fraternities and sororities officially recognized by the University ~~whether located on the University campus itself or on the periphery, or any land or property occupied by the University of Florida.~~

~~(b)~~(3) The term "firearm" is defined for the purposes of this ~~regulation~~policy to have the same meaning set forth in Section 790.001(6), Florida Statutes, provided "firearm" shall also include antique firearms~~include pellet guns and similar weapons.~~

(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, firearms are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

(a) Campus residents are permitted to store firearms in an area designated by the University Police at the University Police Station only. Firearms must be unloaded prior to

storage at the Police Station. ~~An area for the maintenance and cleaning of these firearms is provided at this designated storage facility.~~ When removed from the storage facility for use, the weapon must immediately be taken east on Museum Road until past the campus perimeter. Return shall be along the same route. Firearms must be unloaded prior to being returned. Authorization must be acquired from the University Police for possession of the firearm while traveling between the storage facility and the campus perimeter. Possession of a firearm anywhere else on campus is prohibited.

(b) Those presently authorized to possess ~~firearms~~~~guns~~ on the campus are members of governmental agencies authorized by law to possess ~~firearms~~~~guns~~, the University Police, members of University Rifle Teams, and the staff of the Florida State Museum when the ~~firearms~~~~guns~~ are a part of the museum collection and are for the exhibit purposes or used in specimen collection.

(c) ROTC cadets may drill with unloaded rifles which have the firing pin removed when under the supervision of ROTC officers and cadre. Members of the Rifle Teams are authorized to have possession of their firearms only when under the supervision of ROTC cadre personnel on the firing range or in the ROTC Armory.

~~Any student or employee, including faculty, administration, and staff members, shall be immediately suspended for violation of this policy. When required under applicable university disciplinary rules or provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, such a suspension shall be interim in nature until a proper hearing can be held by the appropriate hearing body to determine the facts and circumstances of the violation.~~

(d) The following persons are authorized to possess firearms at Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Research and Education Centers:

1. Deputized law enforcement officers living at a center who are issued a firearm as part of their employment;

2. Employees engaged in properly permitted wildlife depredation activities carried out to protect research projects being conducted at a center;

3. Employees temporarily residing at a center, provided the firearm is kept unloaded, equipped with a trigger lock, and locked in a secured location in the residence; and

4. Individuals participating in approved firearms education programs conducted at a center by 4-H.

In addition to any specific requirements set forth above, firearms shall be handled, used and stored in a safe and responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. A Center director shall be notified prior to any firearm being brought onto Center property and shall have the right to prohibit or limit the use, handling or storage of firearms at the Center for the safety of persons at the Center.

(e4) Should it be necessary or desirable for the use of firearms in any of the academic programs of the University, then permission for such use must be applied for and granted by the Provost or designee, Vice President for Finance and Administration~~Academic Affairs~~ and the Chief of Police of the University Police Department.

(f) Any student or employee, including faculty, administration, and staff members, shall be immediately suspended for violation of this regulation. When required under applicable university disciplinary regulations or provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, such a suspension shall be interim in nature until a proper hearing can be held by the appropriate hearing body to determine the facts and circumstances of the violation.

Specific Authority: [BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003](#) ~~240.132(1), 240.227(1),
240.261(2) FS.~~

~~Law Implemented 240.132, 240.227(5), (13) FS.~~

History--New 9-29-75, Formerly 6C1-2.01, Amended 9-16-99, _____.