



**Office of the Mayor**  
**City of Seattle**  
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

**Executive Order Number 01-2009**  
**Possessing Firearms on Leased or Rented City Property**

*An Executive Order establishing policies for the leasing or rental of city facilities.  
The Executive Order directs city department personnel to establish lease and rental policies that further public safety by forbidding guns from such facilities.*

WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-08 declared that it is the policy of the city of Seattle to adopt and enforce policies, rules, and contractual agreements that prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons, including firearms, on city property;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order directed city department personnel to conduct an inventory of city property and to outline steps that could be taken to keep guns off of city property;

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is one element of an effort to decrease guns on city property, the other part being a rule which is to be formally promulgated in October 2009;

WHEREAS, this policy formalizes present city practices regarding permits, leases and similar agreements in which the city, acting in its proprietary capacity, authorizes non-city parties to use city property;

WHEREAS, this policy does not apply to city property leased for residential purposes and is not intended to affect city personnel rules, policies, or practices regarding the possession of firearms by city employees.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG NICKELS, Seattle Mayor do hereby direct all city of Seattle Departments and Offices to implement the following policies in an effort to decrease the presence of firearms on city property:

Sec. 1 Authorized officials shall lease, rent, or permit the use of city property only to those lessees, tenants or permit holders that adopt a policy that all persons they permit to enter the leased premises during an event, except law enforcement officers and on-duty security personnel, may not as a condition of entry possess firearms on the leased premises during the event.

Sec. 2 Authorized officials shall in addition include language in all leases, permits, and other agreements for major events requiring the sponsors of the major event to take reasonable steps to prevent the possession of firearms, except by law enforcement officers and on-duty security personnel, on the leased premises during the major event.

Sec. 3 These reasonable steps may include, but are not limited to: a) signage or other notice to the public and to the tenant's, lessee's, or permit holder's employees, contractors, volunteers, and others who might enter the premises; b) visual inspection of persons entering the premises; c) the provision of safe storage of lawful firearms.

Sec. 4 Authorized officials may, at their discretion, include in other leases, permits or agreements not covered by Section 1 or 2 terms requiring the lessee, tenant, or permit holder to adopt a policy that all persons they permit to enter the leased premises, except law enforcement officers and on-duty security personnel, may not as a condition of entry possess firearms on the premises;

Sec. 5 Authorized city officials may issue operating guidelines, procedures, or protocols that, among other things, inform city employees, other authorized persons, and lessees, tenants and permit holders how to properly implement this policy;

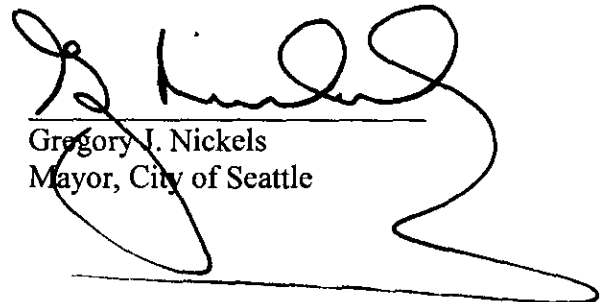
Sec. 6 Authorized City officials shall develop and implement plans to provide members of the public and other affected individuals with information regarding this policy;

Sec. 7 For purposes of this order, the following definitions apply:

- A. "Authorized City Official" means the head of the Department with jurisdiction over the property, such as the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, the Superintendent of Seattle City Light, the Directors of SPU, SDOT, FFD, DON or Seattle Center, or their respective designees;
- B. "City" means the city of Seattle;

- C. "City property" means all real property owned by the city, including buildings and facilities located on such property;
- D. "Event" means a gathering of people that occurs on leased premises pursuant to an applicable permit, lease, or similar agreement;
- E. "Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder;
- F. "Major Event" means an event other than a parade: 1) conducted by a concessionaire, tenant, permit holder or other non-city party authorized to use or occupy specified leased city property under the terms of a concession agreement, lease, permit, or other agreement with the City; and 2) at which it is reasonably expected that 500 or more people may be in attendance on the leased premises at any one time during the event;
- G. "On Duty Security Officer" means an individual who: 1) is employed for the purpose of providing security; 2) is required to carry a firearm as a condition of that employment; 3) is providing security services at the time on city property; and, 4) has legal authority to possess the firearm at the time;
- H. "Possess" or "possession" means for a person to carry, whether concealed or openly, a firearm on their person. Possession does not include lawfully storing a firearm in a motor vehicle; and,
- I. "Leased Premises" means city property that a lessee, tenant, permit holder or other non-city party is authorized to use or occupy under the terms of a lease, permit, or other agreement with the city. "Leased premises" includes city streets, drives, boulevards, and public sidewalks only when they are temporarily used for non-transportation purposes such as for an event;  
Leased premises do not include:
  - 1) City property leased for retail or office purposes;
  - 2) An authorized shooting or target range such as the Roger Dahl Rifle Training Range, and,
  - 3) City property located outside of the state of Washington.

Given under my hand and the seal of the city of Seattle this 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2009.



Gregory J. Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle