



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

Executive Order: 07-08
Gun Safety at City Facilities

The Executive Order directs City departments to conduct an inventory of all rules, policies, and leases for all City of Seattle properties and amend such rules, policies and leases in an effort to develop a "gun-free" policy for City of Seattle properties;

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has a population of 586,200 with millions of tourists visiting the city annually, a vibrant nightlife, and an expansive cultural and arts scene; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle government has vast property holdings throughout the city, including parks, libraries, government buildings, and community and recreational centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has policies, contractual agreements, and rules of conduct governing behavior on City property; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's local laws and ordinances relating to firearms are specifically authorized by state law and are consistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has held that a municipal property owner, like a private property owner, may impose conditions related to firearms for the use of its property in order to protect its property interests; and

WHEREAS, the recent shooting involving a permitted handgun highlights the importance of having gun-free policies on City of Seattle property; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Seattle, acting in its proprietary capacity, to adopt and enforce policies, rules, and contractual agreements that, consistent with state law, prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons, including firearms, on City property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Seattle Mayor,

declare that it is the policy of the City of Seattle, acting in its proprietary capacity, to

adopt and enforce policies, rules, and contractual agreements that prohibit the

possession of dangerous weapons, including firearms, and with the exception of guns issued to law enforcement personnel, on City property;

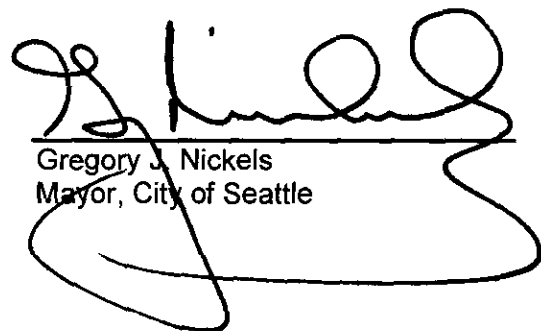
FURTHERMORE, I direct all City departments to conduct an inventory of all present rules, policies, and contractual agreements, such as leases, within their authority to determine the extent to which they, acting in the City's capacity as owner of the property, prohibit the possession of dangerous firearms on City property; and,

FURTHERMORE, I direct all City departments to report back to the Mayor's Office within 30 days with a plan for implementing the City's policy to, acting in its proprietary capacity, adopt and enforce policies, rules, and contractual agreements that prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons, including firearms, on City property.

FURTHERMORE, any new or amended departmental rules will be developed in accordance with proper administrative procedures.

For inquiries regarding this Executive Order, please contact Regina LaBelle at 206-684-4000.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2008



Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle