CHAPTER ___ CONCEALED WEAPONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to NCGS Chapters 130A and 153A, Caldwell County hereby establishes this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Board means the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners.

County means Caldwell County.

County Property means real property owned, leased, operated, or otherwise controlled by the County.

Handgun means any weapon designed or redesigned, or made or remade, and intended to be fired while held in a single hand and to use the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled bore.

NCGS means the North Carolina General Statutes.

Person(s) means any individual, firm, governmental unit, organization, partnership, corporation, or company.

Weapon means any item designed, or used for, inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.

SECTION 3. CONCEALED HANDGUNS AND OTHER WEAPONS

(a) Except as provided in Section 3(b) herein, all Persons are prohibited from carrying a concealed Handgun, or other Weapon on County Property.

(b) The prohibition in this Ordinance shall not apply to the following Person(s):

1. Officers and enlisted personnel of the armed forces of the United States, when in discharge of their official duties and acting under orders requiring them to carry arms and weapons; or

2. Civil officers of the United States while in the discharge of their official duties; or

3. Officers and members of the National Guard engaged in active service; or

4. Sworn law enforcement officers.

(c) A conspicuous notice shall be posted on County Property stating, “Carrying a concealed Handgun and/or Weapon on these premises is prohibited.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Penalty. Any Person(s) violating this Ordinance, or any Section thereof, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than $500.00, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. Each occurrence of a violation shall be treated as a separate occurrence.