

ORDINANCE # O-16-2017

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR WHO HAVE A LAWFUL CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT TO CONCEALED CARRY IN CERTAIN VILLAGE BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has recently passed SB 199, which goes into effect on March 20, 2017 and which makes changes to Ohio's concealed carry laws;

WHEREAS, one of these changes is that a municipality is permitted to allow concealed carry of firearms by valid permit holders in certain government facilities, under conditions set by that municipality;

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, wishes to permit concealed carrying of firearms in certain government building belonging to the Village under the conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, all Village officials and employees who possess a valid concealed carry permit issued by the State of Ohio shall be permitted to carry firearms in buildings owned and operated by the Village of Bolivar;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall apply to all buildings owned and operated by the Village of Bolivar except the Bolivar Police Station and the Council meeting room, which is attached to the Police Station, as carrying within a police station is still barred by state law;

WHEREAS, the Village Council has limited this to employees and officials of the Village as an added health and safety measure for the Village;

WHEREAS, all persons carrying under this Ordinance shall abide by all other state and federal restrictions regarding concealed carrying of weapons;

Now, therefore be it ordained by the Village Council the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village Council for the Village of Bolivar hereby approves Village employees and officials concealed carrying within certain Village buildings under the aforementioned conditions.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its passage is immediately necessary in order to preserve, protect, and maintain health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, and to provide Village employees and officials with the ability to protect themselves in a lawful manner, and therefore the same shall be in full force and effect immediately.

PASSED: March 6, 2017

REBECCA HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIA APP, FISCAL OFFICER