



CHAPTER 14

ARTICLE 54B - CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

N.C.G.S. § 14-415.23.

Statewide uniformity.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2015-195, s. 15 — fourth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 05:03 UTC	83891604e74ebc385e948f8e - 859766735a595d20b58205d3 - 76ff18f125f0b447

§ 14-415.23(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to prescribe a uniform system for the regulation of legally carrying a concealed handgun. To insure uniformity, no political subdivisions, boards, or agencies of the State nor any county, city, municipality, municipal corporation, town, township, village, nor any department or agency thereof, may enact ordinances, rules, or regulations concerning legally carrying a concealed handgun. A unit of local government may adopt an ordinance to permit the posting of a prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun, in accordance with G.S. 14-415.11(c), on local government buildings and their appurtenant premises.

§ 14-415.23(b) A unit of local government may adopt an ordinance to prohibit, by posting, the carrying of a concealed handgun on municipal and county recreational facilities that are specifically identified by the unit of local government. If a unit of local government adopts such an ordinance with regard to recreational facilities, then the concealed handgun permittee may, nevertheless, secure the handgun in a locked vehicle within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or area within or on the motor vehicle.

§ 14-415.23(c) For purposes of this section, the term "recreational facilities" includes only the following:

- (1) An athletic field, including any appurtenant facilities such as restrooms, during an organized athletic event if the field had been scheduled for use with the municipality or county office responsible for operation of the park or recreational area.

- (2) A swimming pool, including any appurtenant facilities used for dressing, storage of personal items, or other uses relating to the swimming pool.
- (3) A facility used for athletic events, including, but not limited to, a gymnasium.

§ 14-415.23(d) For the purposes of this section, the term "recreational facilities" does not include any greenway, designated biking or walking path, an area that is customarily used as a walkway or bike path although not specifically designated for such use, open areas or fields where athletic events may occur unless the area qualifies as an "athletic field" pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, and any other area that is not specifically described in subsection (c) of this section.

§ 14-415.23(e) A person adversely affected by any ordinance, rule, or regulation promulgated or caused to be enforced by any unit of local government in violation of this section may bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief and for actual damages arising from the violation. The court shall award the prevailing party in an action brought under this subsection reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs as authorized by law.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1995

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1995	c. 398, s. 1	ENACTED
02	2011	S.L. 2011-268, s. 21(b)	AMENDED
03	2013	S.L. 2013-369, s. 6	AMENDED
04	2015	S.L. 2015-195, s. 15	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-415.11(c)	(a)	<i>"a concealed handgun, in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.23 (2015).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.23(a) (2015).

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