



## Legislation Text

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### **Title:**

## **Amendment to Park and Recreation Facilities Ordinance - Second Reading**

### **Summary**

#### **ACTION:**

**Approve amendment to the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Facilities Ordinance.**

**Staff Contact:** Jeff Robinson, Park and Recreation Department

**Presentation:** No

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

On December 1, 2011, new state legislation became effective that limits the County's authority to regulate carrying concealed handguns pursuant to permit in parks, thereby rendering Section 29 of the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Facilities Ordinance partially invalid. This amendment will bring the referenced section of the Ordinance in line with General Statute 14-415.23, which allows concealed carry pursuant to permit in parks except for specified "Buildings" and "Recreational Facilities" (which includes playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pools and athletic facilities). The open or concealed carrying of weapons by duly authorized law enforcement personnel in parks is not affected. Changes also are suggested in the definition section to support the changes in Section 29, and in the Enforcement section to make it consistent with the enforcement sections in more recently adopted County ordinances.

#### **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

N/A

#### **POLICY IMPACT:**

**Amendment to the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Facilities Ordinance in accordance with G.S. 14-415.23.**

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A