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**DOWNING A. BOLLS, JR.**  
COUNTY JUDGE  
December 30, 2015

**Press Release:**

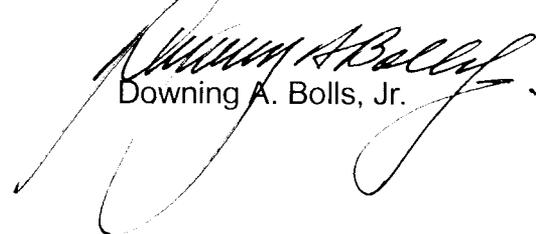
**Subject: License to Carry Handgun Rules of the Taylor County Courthouse**

Taylor County Commissioners' Court met Tuesday, December 29, 2015 in regular session and passed a resolution prompted by orders and designation letters of the District Judges, County Court at Law Judges, County Judge and Justice Court Judges designating all areas in the Taylor County Courthouse located at 300 Oak St., and the basement of the Old Courthouse located at 301 Oak St. to be deemed essential to the operations of their courts, therefore, not allowing licensed handgun carriers in these two locations as specified.

Please find attached the Resolution of the Taylor County Commissioners' Court passed on December 29, 2015.

Thank you for informing our citizens of Taylor County.

Regards,



Downing A. Bolles, Jr.

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COUNTY OF TAYLOR

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS to support the right of handgun license holders to carry handguns. However, those in the judicial process also have a right to safety and security.

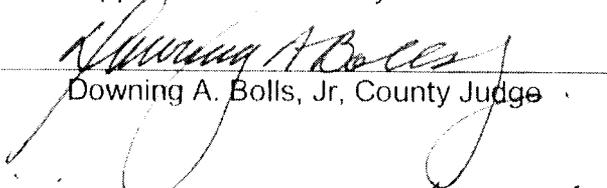
WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature passed a law making it unlawful for local governments to exclude persons carrying a handgun from government buildings if they have a handgun license. An exception is that a license holder may not carry a handgun onto the premises of a court or court offices;

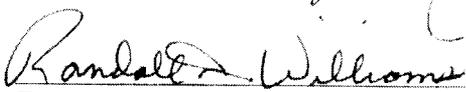
WHEREAS, there has been significant confusion over the application of the law of whether handguns are allowed in the common areas, such as lobbies, shared hallways, restrooms, stairwells, and elevators, used by persons involved in the judicial process, including judges, jurors, witnesses, defendants, parties, prosecutors, attorneys, and judicial personnel;

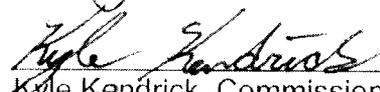
WHEREAS, the District Courts, County Court, County Courts at Law, and Justice Courts have been consulted and have issued orders or designation letters finding areas essential to the operation of their courts. These documents follow this resolution behind Attachment "A" and are incorporated by reference herein;

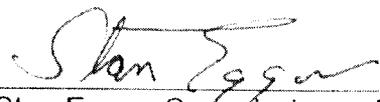
NOW, THEREOF, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS approves the recommendations of the courts in Taylor County set forth to follow in attachment "A" as to areas that are essential to operations of the courts, and are therefore court offices.

Passed and approved this 29th day of DECEMBER, 2015.

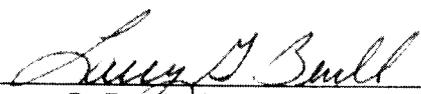
  
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