OPEN CARRY

If the governing body would like to prohibit the open carry of firearms into public buildings, this can be done by instructing staff to purchase and post the no open carry signs as approved by the Attorney General. These signs along with instructions for proper placement can be found by going to [http://ag.ks.gov/licensing/concealed-carry](http://ag.ks.gov/licensing/concealed-carry). Please keep in mind, K.S.A. 12-16,124 prohibits cities and counties from passing ordinances, resolutions or regulations related to firearm ownership, storage or carrying. It is the opinion of the League that any instruction by the governing body to place the no open carry signs be done by some action other than ordinance, resolution or regulation. See K.S.A. 75-7c24

CONCEALED CARRY BUILDING EXEMPTION

For most cities, the exemption from the adequate security measures required to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun into a public building, will be ending on December 31, 2017 or January 1, 2018. Once the exemption ends, the city will be required to remove its current signs prohibiting concealed carry unless the city has armed personnel with a metal detector at each public entrance. See K.S.A. 75-7c20 (i)

TEMPORARY NO CONCEALED CARRY

If the governing body would like to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns in a public building on a limited basis, that can be done. For example, if the city would like to prohibit the carrying of open and concealed carry into city hall during council meetings, this can be done by providing armed security with metal detector wands at the public entrance. The no concealed carry sign would need to be properly posted and the armed officer would need to wand everyone before they enter the building. After the meeting, the no concealed carry sign would need to be removed. If this is going to be done, it will also be important to be sure all other entrances are secured and the public can only enter through the one door where armed security is present.

* Based on statutory interpretation of K.S.A. 75-7c20 (a)