ORDINANCE NO. 2024_-13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A "FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE CONCEALED CARRY PLAN"

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Quorum Court affirms the right to bear arms, as granted by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Court Security Committee recommends the adoption of the following *Concealed Carry Plan* for Fulton County employees.

<u>Purpose:</u> Each full time Fulton County Employee shall be permitted the privilege of carrying a firearm on County property, pursuant to Act 1259 of the State of Arkansas, within the guidelines of the plan created for Fulton County, Arkansas, as approved by the Fulton County Quorum Court.

<u>Authority:</u> Act 1259 of the 2015 Regular Session of the State of Arkansas 90th General Assembly, the preparation of a plan by the Fulton County Security Committee, and the Fulton County Quorum Court.

Guidelines:

- The Fulton County employee must possess and provide a current concealed carry permit for the State of Arkansas.
- The Fulton County employee shall provide a copy of their concealed carry permit to the Fulton County Judge's office.
- Fulton County Judge's office will maintain a list of all Fulton County employees that are
 permitted to carry a legal concealed weapon and wish to carry on Fulton County property
 during the performance of their duties.
- The Fulton County employee will re-qualify annually with a legal firearm as permitted by their concealed carry permit. The re-qualification can be completed through the Fulton County Sheriff's office or through a certified firearms instructor with documentation showing that the re-qualification was completed.
- Each Fulton County employee who chooses to carry a legal firearm shall maintain possession of the legal firearm on their person or locked in a secured location at all times on county property, with the following exceptions: The Fulton County Detention Center, Sheriff's Office, or any Courtroom (unless the presiding judge gives his or her consent).

- Each county employee will be required to attend a class on "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter" (CRAS). This course will be offered periodically by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and will be made available for employees to attend.
- There will be **NO** "open carry" on Fulton County Property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The language of the Authority and Guidelines of this ordinance shall be incorporated into the Fulton County Personnel Policy Manual and the Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan upon its passage and approval.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not supersede any duly enacted law by the United States of the State of Arkansas.

Section 3. Emergency Clause. That this policy shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Fulton County Quorum Court.

KENNETH G. CROW, FULTON COUNTY JUDGE

Date Signed:

9/17/2024

ATTEST:

Date Adopted: 9/17/2024

FILED OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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