

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE
2021-0046

HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY

Texas Constitutional Carry Takes Effect September 1, 2021



The new law “Permitless Carry” goes into effect today, September 1, 2021. House Bill 1927 (Permitless Carry) allows anyone 21 years or older to carry a handgun in public without need for a permit or training as long as they aren’t otherwise prohibited from owning a firearm by law, such as people with felony or domestic violence convictions.

There are certain public places firearms are not allowed, even under constitutional carry, unless you are a licensed peace officer. Those include:

- Bars and other businesses that make 51% of their receipts from alcohol
- Schools
- Sporting events and horse or dog races
- Polling places
- Airports
- Courtrooms
- Government offices utilized by the court
- Jails and prisons
- Hospitals
- Federal property and national park buildings (that includes the San Antonio Missions and The Alamo)
- Private businesses or land in which the owner has signage posted outlawing weapons
- In the room or rooms where a meeting of a governmental entity is held if the meeting is an open meeting subject to Chapter 551, Government Code and if the entity provided notice as required by that chapter.

Individuals arrested for crimes while carrying a firearm are still subject to subsequent unlawful carrying charges. Police Officers cannot stop and check someone to see if they are legally carrying a handgun just because they have one.



Chief of Police
Michael Kester

Assistant Chief
Miryam Anderson

Executive Staff

Deputy Chief
Hector Leal

Deputy Chief
Daniel Villarreal

Deputy Chief
Alfredo Alvear

Civilian Police
Administrator
Carlos Cantu

Executive Staff PIO
Commander
John Parrish

Public Information
PIO Staff

Sergeant
Larry Moore

Officer
Orlando Gonzales



Harlingen Police Department
1018 Fair Park Boulevard
Harlingen, Texas 78550
956.216.5401 – www.myharlingen.us

