

Resolution No. 2023-02
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon

A Resolution to modify Policy on Firearms

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon (UUFCO) makes the following findings:

- a. According to the Department of Homeland Security, almost 11% of terrorism acts occur at religious sites, and of those incidents, firearms are the second most common form of weapon.
- b. Oregon Senate Bill 554 allows schools, courts, and other public buildings to create policy that prohibits people from entering with firearms, including those with concealed carry permits. Other public buildings, such as places of worship, may choose to create such a policy. To be proactive with protecting our congregants, we recommend the following addition to our current “no firearms” policy, for the following reasons:
- c. According to the Center for Policing Equity, “The evidence has shown that the good guy with a gun narrative is not just fiction but actively jeopardizes public safety.”
<https://policingequity.org/resources/blog/the-fiction-of-a-good-guy-with-gun#:~:text=The%20evidence%20has%20shown%20that,choose%20to%20follow%20the%20science>.
- d. According to Giffords.org, “An [FBI analysis](https://www.fbi.gov/newsroom/speeches/2014/04/20140423-fbi-analysis) of 160 active shooter incidents from 2000–2013 found that active shooter incidents were rarely stopped by armed individuals who were not law enforcement returning fire. In fact, four times as many shootings were stopped by *unarmed* civilians restraining the shooter.”

<https://giffords.org/blog/2020/10/the-good-guy-with-a-gun-myth/>
- e. Firearms belong with trained professionals, such as police and security guards, not among our congregants who come to UUFCO for worship, friendship and peace.
- f. Language to be added is: “including those with concealed carry permits”, so that the policy reads as:

UUFCO prohibits the presence of firearms, including those with concealed carry permits, in the church building or on the grounds with the exception of on-duty law enforcement officers and certified, board-approved security personnel.

Violation of this policy will result in directing the offending party to remove the firearm from the premises and/or calling law enforcement for assistance.

A second violation of this policy will trigger our disruptive behavior policy.

Therefore, the UUFCO Board resolves as follows:

1. To approve the additional language in the attached Policy on Firearms.
2. To approve adding this policy to the policy manual.

This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Date of first majority board vote: November 16, 2023

Date of 2nd majority board vote, or first **unanimous vote**: November 16, 2023

BOARD APPROVAL AND ADOPTION: November 16, 2023

Signature _____

John McKee, Board President

Signature and date attested by: _____

Jazlyn Halberstadt, Board Secretary

UUFCO Policy on Firearms

Date initially approved: July 13, 2017

Date last approved modification: November 16, 2023

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