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Kansas District Assemblies Of God  
Rev. Terry Yancey  
3000 West Kellogg  
Wichita, KS 67213

Dear Terry:

This letter is a response to an inquiry Mrs. Yancey sent regarding the Kansas Concealed-Carry Law. That law permits churches, daycares, and private businesses (such as the District Council) to prohibit individuals with a concealed-carry license from carrying concealed weapons on their premises. To do so, however, the church, daycare or District Council must post a sign that informs those entering the premises that concealed weapons are not permitted.

Although I did not see the Wichita editorial regarding this matter, I suspect the point being made was that if someone was injured by a concealed firearm carried on the premises, and no attempt had been made to exclude firearms from the premises, the injured party might try to hold the owner of the premises liable on some sort of negligence theory. I cannot guarantee that such a claim would be successful under Kansas law, but it certainly would be prudent to take whatever steps possible to prevent such a claim from being filed.

That said, it probably makes sense for churches, daycares, and the District Council to post the appropriate sign. The Kansas Attorney General has prescribed the type of sign required. Appropriate signs are described as follows:

1. The size of the sign shall be 8 inches by 8 inches or larger. If the sign is 8 inches by 8 inches, the size of the graphic described below shall be 6 inches in diameter. If the sign is larger than 8 inches by 8 inches, the size of the graphic shall be proportional to the size of the sign.
2. Each sign shall meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. The background shall be white.
  - b. The portion of the graphic depicting the handgun shall be black.
  - c. The portion of the graphic depicting the circle and diagonal slash across the handgun shall be red.
  - d. No text shall be placed within the one-inch area surrounding the graphic.

3. Each sign shall be displayed in a manner that makes the sign reasonably likely to come to the attention of persons entering the premises. See K.A.R. 16-11-7.

An example of such a sign is included herein.

If you have other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Stanton Masters".

G. Stanton Masters

Enclosures

