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City bickers over concealed carry

By GRIELLE MARCONDES
•Leader & Times

The proposed concealed carry plan of city manager Heath Hall caused lasting squirms among commissioners at the city commission meeting Tuesday evening.

The purpose of the plan is to establish a "reasonable" number of exceptions of firearms in city-owned buildings subject to a very Kansas law that allows concealed carry in public places.

The plan divides city buildings into two categories: Non-exempt and Exempt, according to Hall. The non-exempt list includes:

- City Hall
- Municipal Center
- Mid-America All-American
- Visitors Center
- Pioneer Bluffs Center
- Adventure Bay Water Park

Remaining buildings, according to Hall, are buildings that are not generally open to the public and those more will be prohibited from concealed carry.

In order to ensure a safe environment for employees and customers, the City of Liberal, Kansas, would be joining the commission on meeting of firearms in non-exempt city buildings, according to Hall.

Non-exempt city buildings are buildings that allow the lawful possession or carrying of a firearm, or any other dangerous weapon, in a manner that allows concealed carry by the general public.

For example, this plan does not prohibit the lawful possession or carrying of firearms in a city parking area.

Any employee who is a concealed carry licensee, who is in a non-exempt building must make a written request to the Human Resources Director before bringing a concealed weapon in an non-exempt city building. The request must include workers name, the date and location

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Grading do-over

Compromise solves grading controversy at LHS

By MICHAEL COLLYPRIEST
•Leader & Times

Liberal High School teachers and administrators have worked out a compromise to end a dispute that concerned with Competency Based Grading, or CBG. That was the news reported quietly in written form by school superintendent of schools Kevin Maxwell at Monday's USD 480 board meeting.

Backing the other four issues was the dispute between the teachers at LHS and their principal Keith Adams. After a tumultuous semester when tempers flared and angry parents spoke up in

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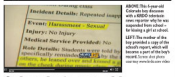

ABOVE: This 4-year-old Colorado boy discovered with a BB/BO selection of his mother's was suspended from school — for kissing a girl at school.

LEFT: The mother of the boy provided a copy of the police report, which contains a part of the boy's record. It was also given various restrictions when

Incident Details: Repeated image
Event: Harassment - Sexual
Injury: No Injury
Medical Service Provided: No
Role Details: Student [redacted] specifically reminded [redacted] not to touch other students, for learned over and a [redacted] of the Parents [redacted]

Colorado 6-year-old suspended for kissing a girl

By STEVENS PRIZEON
•Associated Press

DENVER — The suspension of a 6-year-old boy for kissing a girl at school is causing problems about whether the pack should be considered sexual harassment.

The boy's mother and officials at Lincoln School of Science and Technology in Denver Colo. suspended the boy for a day for kissing, sewing, Jennifer Jennifer and that was suspended once before for kissing the girl and had other disciplinary problems, and that was an act of sexual harassment that would be forced out of school system if necessary.

Chief police Gunner Yahoo told KDEN-TV that he has a crush on a girl at school and she reciprocated.

"It was during class, yeah. We were doing reading group, and I leaned over and kissed her on the cheek. She kissed me back," he said.

Jennifer said she saw nothing wrong with her son's display of affection. She said she punished him for other problems in school, including rough-housing. She was shocked when the school's principal brought up the term "sexual harassment" during a meeting.

"I'm sorry, but I'm a little upset that doesn't need to be used with a 6-year-old. Never even in asking questions. 'What is sex anyway?' That's not a word I want to use," she said. "It is a sentence with a [redacted]," she said.

District superintendent Stefan Cordell told The Associated Press the school had to punish the boy suspended because of a policy against sexual touching.

"The focus needs to be on his behavior. We usually try to get the student to stop, but if a student does it over and over, it becomes more serious than to the level of suspension," he said.

Cordell and officials have not heard from the girl's parents and no legal action is anticipated because it was only a violation of school policy.

In recent years, some schools have adopted zero tolerance policies for sexual harassment, including

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Wichita allows concealed guns in public buildings

A state law that took effect July 1 said local governments could exempt certain buildings from allowing concealed guns if they have proper postings and adequate security

WICHITA (AP) — The city council has decided that Wichita will allow concealed guns in nearly all of its city-owned buildings, including recreational centers and the Wichita Art Museum.

Citing concerns about possible lawsuits, the council voted Tuesday night to exempt most buildings from the allowed list of 87 city-owned buildings beginning Jan. 1.

Guns will be banned at City Hall, Hall-Continental Building, Wichita Art Museum, Wichita Public Library, Napoleon Stadium, Cessna Stadium and some city buildings, such as the Wichita Boathouse, will determine if guns will be allowed. The Wichita Eagle reported.

A state law that took effect July 1 and local governments could exempt certain buildings from allowing concealed guns if they have proper postings and adequate security.

Mayor Carl Brewer James Clendenon voted to allow the guns after complaining that the law does not clearly define "adequate security."

"I don't know what it means, said. "But the intent of the law is pretty clear to have concealed carry in these buildings."

Jim Hidinger, a strong supporter of enforcing gun restrictions said he wants his wife and children to be able to protect themselves.

Hidinger said he voted against allowing guns, and most concealed carry permit holders aren't adequately trained to carry guns in public buildings and she wanted to have more time to study it.

"If there is a control about these public safety in a House and a no control case, that's pit blank," Hidinger said.

The city initially asked that 87 city-owned buildings be exempt from the law and had until Jan. 1 to develop security plans. The city council considered allowing concealed carry at 32 buildings but some council members questioned the city's liability and whether it could adequately provide security at the buildings.

Deputy City Attorney Charles Chelgquist said the only way for the city to be immune from liability is to allow concealed carry in all buildings.

The city's draft had indicated Tuesday that the vote has no impact on whether the city can restrict open carry in city buildings.

Crack sealing project starts Thursday

•Staff reports

Beginning Thursday the city will start the annual crack seal project on city streets. This will affect in some ways all Second Street and west of Kansas Avenue. During this time, there will be some delays in traffic flow.

The city apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks the public for their patience. For more information, call 626-0133.

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