

CHAPTER 9

COUNTY BUILDING REGULATIONS

9-1-1 **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure the protection and safety of the general public while inside any buildings owned or operated by and for St. Clair County. Due to the general adversarial nature of both civil and criminal proceedings at the Courthouse, as well as the presence of prisoners pending criminal prosecution, a potential danger to the public exists that must be protected by the County of St. Clair.

9-1-2 **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION INCLUDING LIQUOR.** No person shall carry or possess on or about his person while inside any buildings owned or operated by and for St. Clair County, any pistol, revolver, stungun, laser, or other firearms, bludgeon, blackjack, slingshot, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any switchblade knife or razor, bowie knife or dirk knife, or dirk, or dagger, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon. No alcoholic liquor may be brought into any County Building unless written permission has been granted by the County Board Chairman. **(Ord. No. 05-878; 07-25-05)**

(A) Upon conviction of a violation of the terms of this Section, the weapon possessed by the offender shall be confiscated by the trial court or appropriate authorities. **(Ord. No. 481-83; 11-28-83) (Ord. No. 05-878; 07-25-05)**

9-1-3 **EXCEPTIONS.** This Chapter does not apply to any municipal police officer or to any sheriff or deputy sheriff, or to any constable of the State of Illinois, or to any United States Marshal while acting in his official capacity.

9-1-4 **SOLICITING AND PEDDLING REGULATIONS.** There shall be no selling, soliciting, peddling, distribution, or collection in connection with produce, foodstuffs, cosmetics, jewelry, newspapers, magazines, fund drives, or any other nature, within any building owned, leased, or rented by St. Clair County, other than in the conduct of officially approved County business by any County employee or member of the general public. **(Ord. No. 06-878; 07-25-05)**

9-1-5 **COUNTY BUILDINGS DESIGNATED SMOKE-FREE.** Smoking shall not be permitted in any portion of any building owned and/or operated by the County by any person or persons whomever, except where the County Board specifically designates an area as a "smoking area" in compliance with state statutes.

9-1-6 **PENALTIES.** Any person who violates the terms of this Article shall be guilty of a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)**.

(Ord. No. 09-986; 05-26-09)