

RAMSEY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE 2003-214  
Adopted June 24, 2003

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §624.72 recognizes the right of a political subdivision to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose of protecting the free, proper and lawful access to, egress from and proper use of public property, and for the purpose of protecting the conduct of public business therein or thereon, free from interference, or disruption or the threat thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter allows the County Board to adopt an ordinance to enforce rules and regulations and to impose a penalty for a violation; and

WHEREAS, An ordinance has been proposed to establish rules and regulations for the purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes §624.72, and to impose a penalty for the violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, The procedural requirements of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter regarding ordinances have been complied with, including a public hearing held on June 17, 2003; Now, Therefore, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Ramsey does

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- I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the free, proper and lawful access to, egress from and proper use of public property, and for the purpose of protecting the conduct of public business therein or thereon, free from interference, or disruption or the threat thereof.
- II. PROHIBITION. Ramsey County prohibits the possession of a firearm, dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosive within any building owned by Ramsey County or any space leased or controlled by Ramsey County in which Ramsey County business is conducted.
- III. EXCEPTIONS. The prohibitions in the ordinance do not apply to (1) licensed peace officers or military personnel who are performing official duties; (2) persons who possess firearms, dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosives for the purpose of display as demonstrative evidence during testimony at a trial or hearing or exhibition in compliance with advance notice and safety guidelines set by the Ramsey County Sheriff; or (3) persons who possess firearms, dangerous weapons, ammunition or explosives in a Ramsey County building or any space leased or controlled by Ramsey with the express consent of the Ramsey County Sheriff.
- IV. PENALTY. Any person who possesses a firearm, dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosive within any building owned by Ramsey County or any space leased or controlled by Ramsey County in which Ramsey County business is conducted is guilty of a misdemeanor.