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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

November 10, 2016

The Honorable Bert Cobb, M.D.
Hays County Judge
Hays County Courthouse
111 E. San Antonio St., Ste. 300
San Marcos, Texas 78666

RE: Wrongful Exclusion of Concealed Handgun License Holder Complaint – Resolved
Hays County Government Center
OAG Complaint No. 1

Dear Judge Cobb:

The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) received a citizen complaint, pursuant to section 411.209 of the Government Code, concerning the wrongful exclusion of handgun license holders from the Hays County Government Center (the “government center”). While reviewing this complaint, the OAG received correspondence from Mark Kennedy, General Counsel for Hays County (the “county”). Mr. Kennedy states the county has removed signage indicating the government center is a “Weapons Free Zone,” and the first floor of the government center, which houses county administrative offices including the tax assessor/collector, human resources, adult probation, juvenile probation, elections, auditor, and treasurer, is now accessible to licensed carriers of firearms. Mr. Kennedy further states that access to the second and third floors of the government center, which house government courts and offices essential to the operations of those courts, is now screened by way of a separate security line at the first floor entrance, and signage compliant with sections 30.06 and 30.07 of the Texas Penal Code is posted only near access points to the second and third floors. Finally, the county informs the OAG it has established meeting areas on the first floor of the government center in order to allow citizens to interact with the district attorney’s office without being required to enter the area where handguns are prohibited.

Based on these representations, the OAG concludes the county’s voluntary compliance has resolved the issue. Accordingly, the OAG is closing this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Entsminger".

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