

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1997

Amending Administrative Rule
26.2 concerning judicial officers
and court employees bringing
kitchen knives and utensils into a
court facility.

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 26.2 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 26.2. Court Security.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this rule, no person may possess a weapon on the premises of any court facility, or in the portion of any other building occupied by the court system, unless the weapon is to be used as evidence in a court proceeding. The term weapon includes firearms, knives, and chemical agents such as mace and pepper spray. This prohibition does not apply to:

- (1) a peace officer;
- (2) a private uniformed security guard employed by a financial institution or private security service who is transporting money or other valuables;
- (3) a private security guard under contract with the court system to provide security services within a court facility who possesses a weapon authorized under the contract;
- (4) a judicial officer, who may possess on the premises of any court facility, or in the portion of any other building occupied by the court system: (a) small knives or multi-tools (like Swiss Army-type or Leatherman-type tools) provided that any knife blade may not exceed 4 inches in length, except for kitchen

knives and utensils for purposes of food preparation and service on court premises; (b) small chemical agent canisters for personal safety purposes; and (c) any other weapon upon receiving written authorization from the administrative director. Authorization to possess a weapon, other than a handgun under (c) of this rule, will be given only upon a showing of good cause.

(5) court system employees, who may possess on the premises of any court facility, or in the portion of any other building occupied by the court system: (a) small knives or multi-tools (like Swiss Army-type or Leatherman-type tools) provided that any knife blade may not exceed 4 inches in length, except for kitchen knives and utensils for purposes of food preparation and service on court premises; and (b) small chemical agent canisters for personal safety purposes; or

(6) court system facility construction contractors, who may possess on the premises of court facilities knives and knife-like tools that are necessary for their work.

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DATED: January 17, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 17, 2023

/s/
Chief Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Maassen

/s/
Justice Carney

/s/
Justice Borghesan

/s/
Justice Henderson