# **Edgewood at Everlands Homeowners Association Policy Prohibiting Firearms at Public Meetings**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and security of all residents, guests, board members, and staff during public meetings of the Edgewood at Everlands Homeowners Association (HOA). The following policy outlines the prohibition of firearms at all HOA-sponsored public meetings.

#### **Policy Statement**

In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment, the Edgewood at Everlands HOA strictly prohibits the possession or carrying of firearms—whether concealed or openly carried—at any public meeting or event organized, sponsored, or conducted by the HOA. This policy applies to all individuals, including residents, guests, board members, vendors, and staff, except for duly authorized law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their official duties.

### Scope

- This policy applies to all public meetings held in common areas, community centers, or any other venue under the jurisdiction of the Edgewood at Everlands HOA.
- It covers regular board meetings, annual meetings, committee meetings, and any other official HOA gatherings open to the membership or public.
- Exemptions are only granted to sworn law enforcement personnel who are required to carry a firearm as part of their official responsibilities.

#### **Enforcement**

- Signage indicating the prohibition of firearms will be posted at entrances to meeting venues as appropriate.
- Individuals found in violation of this policy may be asked to leave the premises immediately and may be subject to further action as determined by the Board of Directors, in accordance with HOA governing documents and applicable laws.
- Repeat violations may result in suspension of meeting privileges or other penalties as outlined by HOA rules and regulations.

## Legal Compliance

This policy is intended to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding firearms and private property rights. In the event of any conflict between this policy and governing law, the provisions of the law will prevail.

# **Policy Review**

The Edgewood at Everlands HOA Board of Directors will review this policy periodically and may amend it as necessary to ensure continued safety and compliance with legal requirements.

# **Effective Date**

This policy is effective as of 11/17/2025 and remains in effect until amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.