

**Sec. 29-36m-8. Permits for carrying a pistol or revolver**

(a) **Who may apply.** Persons applying for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall either:

(1) Have a bona fide residence or place of business within the jurisdiction of the issuing authority; or

(2) Be a bona fide resident of the United States having a permit or license to carry any firearm issued by the authority of any state or subdivision of the United States.

(b) **Application.**

(1) The application for a permit for carrying a pistol or revolver shall be on the form prescribed by and obtained from the commissioner.

(2) The application for a permit for carrying a pistol or revolver shall be made in writing, under oath, and shall be completed legibly and in its entirety and in accordance with the directions on the form. Post office boxes are not an acceptable form of address.

Exception. No issuing authority may require any sworn member of the department of public safety or an organized local police department to furnish his residence address in a permit application. Each such sworn member who has a permit to carry a pistol or revolver on May 26, 1992, shall be notified by the issuing authority of his right to revise his application to include his business or post office address in lieu of his residence address and shall be permitted to exercise such right to revise his application.

(3) The following shall be submitted with each completed application form:

(A) If applying for a local permit to carry a pistol or revolver, a complete set of fingerprints on forms specified and furnished by the commissioner or, if applying for a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver, the imprint of the right thumbprint on said forms. In either case, the fingerprints shall be taken by personnel at a municipal police department, a state police troop, or any resident state trooper's office.

(B) A color passport-type photograph, two (2") inches wide by two (2") inches high, showing a front view of the head and shoulders of the applicant with a plain, light background, taken within six (6) months prior to the date of the application. This photograph may be taken by personnel at a state police troop or the department of public safety, division of state police, special licensing and firearms unit.

(C) An affidavit signed by an instructor certified by the state, the National Rifle Association or the Department of Environmental Protection stating that the applicant successfully completed a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers. Such statement shall specify that the instructor was so certified at the time he taught the course and shall include the full name of the applicant, and the date, location and duration of the course.

(D) A permit fee in the amount of \$35.00 for either an original permit or a renewal.

(c) **Manner of submission.** Applications for local permits to carry a pistol or revolver shall be submitted to the chief of police or where there is no chief of police to the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town. Applications for state permits to carry a pistol or revolver shall be submitted to the commissioner only after the applicant has obtained a local permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

(d) **Confidentiality of information.** The name and address of a person issued a permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except in the

following instances:

(1) To law enforcement officials acting in the performance of their duties; or

(2) To the extent necessary to comply with a request made pursuant to section 29-33 of the Connecticut General Statutes for verification that the permit is still valid.

(e) **Grounds for denial of permit.** Each application shall be processed and reviewed in accordance with section 29-29 of the Connecticut General Statutes. No permit shall be issued if the applicant:

(1) Is determined to be an unsuitable person; or

(2) Intends to make an unlawful use of any pistol or revolver which he may be permitted to carry; or

(3) Has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the commissioner of public safety in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or a firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Environmental Protection or a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle Association; or

(4) Has been convicted of a felony or a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-279, section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178, or 53a-181d of the Connecticut General Statutes; or

(5) Has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty (20) years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13 of the Connecticut General Statutes; or

(6) Has been confined in a hospital for mental illness, as defined in section 17a-495 of the Connecticut General Statutes, within the preceding twelve (12) months by order of a probate court; or

(7) Knows that he is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court, after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been provided to such person, in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person; or

(8) Is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

(f) **Issuance of permit.** Each permit to carry any pistol or revolver shall be issued in triplicate. Copies of said permit shall be distributed as follows:

(1) In all cases, one (1) copy to the person to whom the permit is issued, and if a state permit, said copy shall be laminated and contain a full-face photograph of such permittee; and

(2) (A) If issued by the commissioner, one (1) copy to the local authority issuing the local permit and one to be retained by the commissioner; or

(B) If issued by the local authority, one (1) copy to the commissioner and one copy to be retained by the local authority.

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