

CITY OF PAWTUCKET



CONCEALED PISTOL AND REVOLVER PERMIT PACKAGE



Pawtucket Police Department

121 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-727-9100



Mayor Donald Grebien

Chief Tina Goncalves

Dear Applicant:

By applying for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver with the City of Pawtucket, you are exercising your right under Rhode Island General Law § 11-47-11. It is this statute, which gives the City of Pawtucket the right to administer this program in accordance with the law. It is intended as a service to the people of Rhode Island.

It is important to remember that a permit to carry a pistol or revolver does not authorize you to use the firearm(s). Such usage of a handgun is regulated by other provisions of RI law. Please carefully read the enclosed policy regarding the issuance of the pistol or revolver permit. It is intended to serve as a guideline to aid you in understanding the authority and responsibility of the City of Pawtucket to carry out RI law. **Before you are granted a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, you must acknowledge that you are familiar with the provisions of the Firearms Act.** You may view Title 47 of the RI General Laws relating to firearms, known as the Firearms Act, at the following internet site: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/Statutes.html>

This application package does not include Federal laws pertaining to firearms. You must observe both Federal and RI laws. Federal law is administered by Federal agencies. For information relative to Federal regulation of firearms, you may visit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms internet site at: <http://www.atf.gov>

The application itself must be filled out completely and truthfully. It is a crime to knowingly give false information to obtain a permit to carry a pistol or revolver. Please read the instructions carefully and note that first time and renewal applicants must supply all information being requested to the City of Pawtucket at the time of application.

The submission of the application for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver is the beginning of a process of review by the Pawtucket Police Department, which culminates in a recommendation of affirmation or denial. Should your application be denied, you will be advised by mail. The applicant may appeal the decision as set forth under Rhode Island Law.

A successful applicant for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver will be notified by mail to respond personally to the Pawtucket Police Department to obtain the permit. Please exercise your privilege to carry a pistol or revolver in the State of Rhode Island responsibly, properly, and safely,

Sincerely,

Tina Goncalves

Chief of Police

PISTOL PERMIT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 11-47-11, the City of Pawtucket may issue a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver to any person twenty-one (21) years of age or over upon a determination of suitability. This statute requires the City of Pawtucket to determine whether an applicant for a pistol or revolver permit is a suitable person to be licensed and so can conduct an inquiry to make that determination. That Determination includes, but is not limited to, a determination of whether the applicant is prohibited from possessing firearms under state or federal law. No one in the State has a right to obtain a pistol or revolver permit. A pistol or revolver permit is a privilege.

The City of Pawtucket will exercise its discretion in a manner designed to protect the public at large, as well as the individual applicant for a pistol or revolver permit.

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-15, the applicant must also qualify to obtain a permit. The right to carry a loaded, concealed firearm in public is different from the right to purchase or possess a firearm in one's own home or business. The privilege to carry a concealed firearm is limited to those who satisfy the suitability requirement and demonstrate an understanding and acceptance of, this responsibility.

The City of Pawtucket does not discriminate in the issuance of a pistol or revolver permit on grounds of race, sex, national origin, or any other reason prohibited by law.

PROCEDURE

An applicant for a pistol or revolver permit must submit a written application with a recent photograph (3), two (2) types of positive identification, and a full set of fingerprints on an FBI Fingerprint Applicant Card to the Pawtucket Police Department, 121 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The Pawtucket Police Department then checks the applicant's background with state, local and Federal law enforcement databases. The Pawtucket Police Department may also check Court records and other sources for pending criminal cases, restraining orders and/or discrepancies in the applicant's background, including prior history of mental illness.

The City of Pawtucket will not issue a pistol or revolver permit to an applicant who is prohibited from possessing or carrying a firearm under any State or Federal law (e.g. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)) or pursuant to any Court order.

If this initial check does not disqualify the applicant from obtaining a pistol or revolver permit, the City of Pawtucket shall review the application on an individual basis to determine whether the applicant has satisfied the suitability requirement, as required by the statute, and whether the applicant is qualified.

DETERMINATION OF SUITABILITY

In considering each individual application for a pistol or revolver permit, the City of Pawtucket must determine whether or not the applicant has satisfied the suitability requirement to carry a loaded concealed firearm in public, and consider the individual's demonstration of skill and responsibility to safely carry and use a firearm in compliance with all State, Federal and local laws. Because a loaded, concealed firearm in untrained hands presents a danger to the public and the applicant, the City of Pawtucket must consider countervailing risks to the public in assessing suitability.

While there cannot be any set formula or criteria to limit or restrict the City of Pawtucket's discretion to issue or deny a pistol or revolver permit, the City of Pawtucket considers the following factors in assessing an applicant's suitability:

1. Has the applicant demonstrated a specific articulable risk to life, limb or property? If so, has the applicant demonstrated how a pistol permit will decrease the risk?
2. Can the applicant readily alter his or her conduct, or undertake reasonable measures other than carrying a loaded firearm, to decrease the danger to life, limb or property?
3. Are there means of protection available to the applicant other than the possession of a loaded firearm that will alleviate the risk to his or her person or property?
4. Has the applicant demonstrated the skill, training and ability to properly use a firearm in accordance with Rhode Island laws?
5. Has the applicant presented a plan to properly secure the firearm so that it does not fall into unauthorized hands?
5. How greatly will the possession of a loaded firearm by the applicant increase the risk of harm to the applicant or to the public?
6. Has the applicant demonstrated that he or she will not use the firearm for an unlawful or improper purpose, and that he or she has not used a firearm for an unlawful or improper purpose in the past?
7. Does past unlawful, dangerous or violent conduct of the applicant justify denial at the City of Pawtucket's discretion, even if it is not sufficient to disqualify the applicant as a matter of law from possessing a firearm?
8. Has the applicant been issued a protective order pursuant to chapter 15-5, chapter 15-15, or chapter 88.1 of the general laws?
9. Any and all other factors deemed lawful and appropriate by the City of Pawtucket to demonstrate that the applicant is or is not a person suitable to possess a loaded concealed firearm in public.

After assessing the above factors, the City of Pawtucket in its sole discretion shall grant or deny a pistol or revolver permit. In certain cases, the City of Pawtucket may issue a pistol or revolver permit with restrictions in lieu of a denial.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Approved holders must maintain, use, and store their firearm or firearms in a responsible manner. All permit holders are required to inform their respective city or town police departments, within 24 hours of becoming aware of the loss or theft of a firearm or their permit card. If you do not report a loss or theft in a timely manner, your permit may be suspended.

CONCLUSION

This policy is meant as a general guideline to aid the public in understanding the City of Pawtucket's authority to carry out the requirements of Rhode Island General Law § 11-47-11, and it shall be followed as a guideline in the assessment of applications for a pistol or revolver permit. This policy is not intended to, and does not confer any rights on any person. As required by law, the City of Pawtucket shall retain the right to accept or reject any application for a pistol or revolver permit upon determination of an applicant's "suitability."

This policy supersedes all prior policies.

February 2023



Pawtucket Police Department



INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON

****NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED****

1. This official application form must be filled out completely by the applicant. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** application or IT WILL BE RETURNED.
2. The application must be **MUST BE SIGNED** and **NOTARIZED**. Any attached papers must also be signed by the applicant and notarized.
3. Enclose three (3) (**1" X 1"**) pictures of the applicant taken without headgear or glasses on a neutral background. These photos must be a clear picture of the head and face. Please PRINT applicant's name on the back of each picture. NO laminated photos will be accepted.
4. Three (3) References AND reference letters are **required** for new AND renewal applications and are to be submitted with the application. All three references are to TYPE (not hand write) a letter for the applicant pertaining to the gun permit that is SIGNED, DATED and MUST BE NOTARIZED. Reference letters must be written by the reference, not the applicant, and cannot be identical.
5. Proof of qualification before a certified weapons instructor, i.e., N.R.A. Instructor or Police Range Instructor must be supplied, **along with a copy of the instructor's NRA/FBI firearms instructor's certification**.
6. Two types of positive identification must be submitted, photocopied, signed and dated by a Notary Public, attesting to be true copies.
7. Applicant must prove residency when applying for said permit. Proof of residency can be demonstrated by providing copies of two (2) of the following: utility bill, motor vehicle registration, business or residential tax bill.
8. All **NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS** must include a copy of their home state permit.
9. If the permit is to be used for employment, a **TYPED** letter of explanation must be submitted on your employer's letterhead and included with the application. All letters must be dated. We will not accept a photocopy of any signature.
10. If the permit is **not** for employment, a typed letter must be submitted by the applicant stating the reason why a permit is needed on a full time basis.
11. All new applicants must provide a full set of fingerprints with their application. To have fingerprints taken at the Pawtucket Police Department, the applicant must make an appointment with the BCI Office, 401-727-9100 Ext: 884.
12. A forty dollar (\$40.00) CHECK OR MONEY ORDER must be presented when picking up permit. **DO NOT SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Once the aforementioned documents and information have been reviewed by the City of Pawtucket, the applicant will be required to submit to a personal interview with members of a 3 member panel chosen by the Chief of Police before any decision is made upon his/her application. Based upon the personal interview, additional testing or information may be required.

The applicant will be notified by mail of approval or denial of the permit. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. This application, fingerprint card, and photo's become part of the records of the City of Pawtucket and will not be returned.

All permits will expire FOUR (4) YEARS from the date of issue. The renewal of your permit is your obligation. No notification of expiration of the permit will be sent to you. Allow a minimum of 90 DAYS for processing of your new/renewal application.



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APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON

DATE: _____

PERMIT NUMBER: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

PERMENANT ADDRESS: _____
Number & Street Name (No P.O. Boxes Accepted)

_____ City or Town State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
Home Business Cell

E-MAIL(optional): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ DRIVERS LICENSE STATE AND NUMBER: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____



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Are you a citizen of the United States? _____ How Long? _____

(NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, A COPY OF BOTH SIDES OF YOUR ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION)

EMPLOYER: _____

Name

Telephone Number

Street Address

City/Town

State

Zip

Detailed Job Description: _____

Length of Employment: _____

BELOW PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER ADDRESSES YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS. USE A SEPARATE PAPER IF NECESSARY.

Street Name and Number

City or Town

State and Zip

Dates From/To

Street Name and Number

City or Town

State and Zip

Dates From/To

Street Name and Number

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Have you ever been arrested or charged for any offense? _____

If so, please provide details: _____

Have you ever been under guardianship, confined, or treated for mental illness? _____

If so, please provide details: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ If so, please provide details: _____

Have you ever plead NOLO-CONTENDRE to any charge or violation? _____

If so, please provide details: _____

Are you under Indictment in any court for a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year? _____

If so, please provide details: _____

Have you ever applied for a permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver from the Attorney General's Office,
or a local city or town in Rhode Island? _____

If yes what agency/municipality? _____

If yes, is/was it: ACTIVE: _____ EXPIRED: _____ DENIED: _____ REVOKED: _____

(IF YOU HOLD AND ACTIVE OR EXPIRED PERMIT, ENCLOSE A PHOTOCOPY, SIGNED AND DATED BY A NOTARY ATTESTING COPIES ARE TRUE)

Have you ever applied for a permit to carry concealed in another state? _____

If yes, provide city and state: _____

If yes, is/was it: ACTIVE: _____ EXPIRED: _____ DENIED: _____ REVOKED: _____

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Pawtucket Police Department



TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR CITY HALL OFFICIAL OF _____
City or Town and State

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT _____
Applicant's Name (Printed or Typed)

IS APPLYING FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND. WE WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU VERIFY THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL RESIDES IN YOUR CITY OR TOWN, IN YOUR JURISDICTION ONLY.

Police Chief or City Hall Officials Signature Date

AFFIDAVIT

I CERTIFY THAT **I HAVE READ AND THAT I AM FAMILIAR** WITH THE PROVISIONS OF **11-47-1 THROUGH 11-47-62**, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, 1956, AS AMENDED, AND THAT **I AM AWARE** OF THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITED SECTIONS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY ALTERATION OF THIS PERMIT IS JUST CAUSE FOR REVOCATION.

Applicant's Signature Date

BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME IN _____
City State

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____.

Notary Public Signature and Stamp Notary Public Printed Name State/Expiration



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THE RHODE ISLAND COMBAT COURSE IS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

ALL OTHERS MUST QUALIFY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL § 11-47-15

APPLICANTS MUST QUALIFY AND INSTRUCTOR MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR **PRIOR** TO SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION.

WEAPONS QUALIFICATION SCORE: CALIBER OF WEAPON: _____

ARMY-L _____ SCORE _____ R.I. COMBAT _____ SCORE _____

SIGNATURE OF N.R.A. INSTRUCTOR OR POLICE RANGE OFFICER

DATE

PRINTED NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF N.R.A. INSTRUCTOR OR POLICE RANGE OFFICER

N.R.A NUMBER OR POLICE AGENCY NAME

Copy of INSTRUCTORS NRA/ FBI CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATION CARD
with visible expiration date must be included.

THREE (3) REFERENCES ARE REQUIRED:

Name Address/City/State/Zip Telephone Number Years known

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