



# Office of the County Clerk

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

**Jamie Romeo**  
County Clerk

Dear Pistol Permit Applicant:

The Monroe County Clerk's Office is proud to be the lead administrative agency that provides a pass-through for pistol permit applications as they make their way through the authorization process. Due to the number of agencies involved and the tasks required of each of these agencies, according to state and federal law, the **processing of a pistol permit application can take several months.**

The County Clerk's Office facilitates the transfer of the pistol permit file to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for suburban residents and the Rochester Police Department for City residents. Law Enforcement will conduct a thorough investigation, interview references, and receive comment from the State Department of Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Criminal Justice Services. Thereafter, a recommendation is made to the Court for approval or denial.

Once the County Clerk's Office receives the pistol permit file from the Law Enforcement agency, it is forwarded to a Monroe County Court Judge who will then make a final decision on the applications. Applicants may receive notice of approval or disapproval from a Judge by mail.

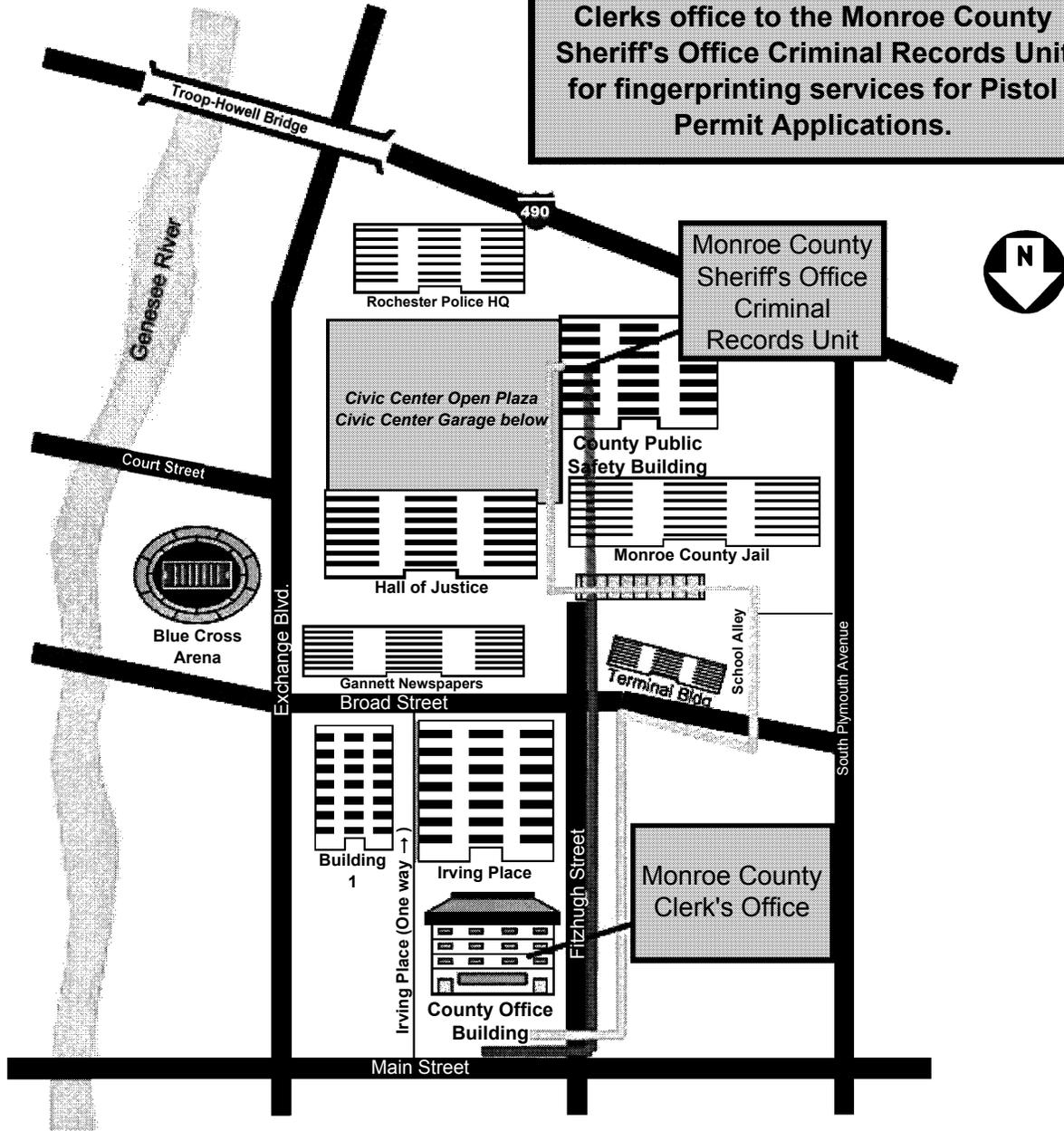
Due to the high volume of applications and with the majority of the pistol permit process taking place outside the County Clerk's Office purview, **we ask that you wait at least 9 months from the date of your application to request a status update from our Pistol Permit Division.** Given the State Privacy Laws, staff cannot provide a status or information about an individual's application over the phone or email. Those questions must be posed in-person at the Monroe County Clerk's Office (39 W Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rochester 14614).

Finally, if you move at any point during the application process, you must visit the Clerk's Office to update your file. This is imperative as Law Enforcement or the Court may attempt to contact you during the process.

If you have any additional questions related to Pistol Permits, please contact the Pistol Permit Division in the Monroe County Clerk's Office at 585-753-1642 or email [MCPistols@MonroeCounty.gov](mailto: MCPistols@MonroeCounty.gov).

Sincerely,  
Jamie Romeo  
Monroe County Clerk

**Directions from the Monroe County Clerk's office to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Criminal Records Unit for fingerprinting services for Pistol Permit Applications.**



From the County Office Building, go south on Fitzhugh Street across Broad Street and enter the Civic Center garage. Follow the west wall 3/4 of the way into the garage and enter the County Public Safety Building through the grey doors on the west wall of the garage. Take the elevator to the Plaza level. The Monroe County Criminal Records Unit lobby is directly off the elevators.

From the County Office Building, go south on Fitzhugh Street. Turn right (west) on Broad Street. Just past the Terminal Building, turn left (south) onto School Alley. Turn left (east) at the stairs and go up the stairs to the Civic Center Plaza. Turn right (south) on the Civic Center Plaza, and follow the County Office Building past City Court 1 & 5 to the south end of the building. Enter the glass doors on the right into the Monroe County Criminal Records Unit lobby.

# MONROE COUNTY PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

An applicant must be at least 21 years of age to apply for a pistol permit, unless the applicant has been honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or the National Guard of the State of New York.

An applicant must be a Monroe County resident for at least 6 months.

An applicant must provide 4 character references that must be Monroe County residents that have known you for at least 3 years. These references **may not** be law enforcement, retired law enforcement, multiple people from the same household, family members or anyone who may be included as a member of your household. This also includes boyfriend/girlfriend and husband/wife.

If you have lived in Monroe County for less than 3 years, you must provide 4 character references from Monroe County residents who have known you for as long as you have lived here; and 3 additional notarized references from persons who live in the state or county where you previously lived. Please contact the Monroe County Clerk's Office to obtain the appropriate Proof of Character forms.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBURBAN RESIDENTS** (individuals living outside of the City limits)

### **1. Complete both applications and all enclosed forms.**

- Print legibly in **black ink**
- On the applications, start with your last name in the gray shaded area and work down.
- Fill out both copies of the permit application (Pistol/Revolver License Application). Both pages must be an original and we cannot accept copies. **NOTE:** your references **MUST** sign both copies of the Application.
- DO NOT sign the application until you are in front of a clerk. Notaries are available in our office.
- Fill out one Applicant & Reference Contact Information Form (Form 1)
- Fill out one Department of Mental Hygiene inquiry (Form 2)
- Fill out one Applicant Questionnaire (three pages; Form 5)
- OPTIONAL: Fill out Request for Public Records Exemption Form

### **2. Make an appointment to turn in your application with the Monroe County Clerk's Office.** Go to our website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-pistolpermits.php> to schedule your appointment.

Bring the following with you:

- completed application packet with original documents – Copies will NOT be accepted
- \$129.00 (cash, check or charge) payable to the Monroe County Clerk – This fee includes the cost of your permit and photos.
- Your Driver's License

At this point, the Monroe County Clerk's office will take in your application, take your photo and obtain your electronic signature and thumbprint for your permit. We can no longer accept pre-printed photos.

### **3. After submitting your completed packet to the Monroe County Clerk's Office and paying the applicable fees, you must be fingerprinted by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. This must be completed at the Public Safety Building and cannot be done at the Sheriff's Substations. A valid photo ID with signature is required for identification. Take your receipt with you to the Sheriff's Office. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY DUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.****

**Monroe County Sheriff's Office**  
Public Safety Building  
130 South Plymouth Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14614

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Application fees are not refundable.

If you elect to list a gun on your permit application, an original bill of sale from a Federal Firearms Licensed (FLL) Dealer **must** accompany the application. This must be on the dealer's letterhead and list the address, phone number, FFL number, NYS Drivers License number, and a description of the firearm. Per New York State SAFE Act Law: Effective 2013, ALL private firearms sales/transfers in New York require a background check of the buyer/transferee. Sales or transfers to immediate family members (i.e., spouses, domestic partners, children, and stepchildren) are exempt from this provision. For more information, please visit <https://safeact.ny.gov/> or call 1-855-LAW-GUNS.

Unregistered pistols in your possession or out-of-state pistols must be turned in to law enforcement officials until your permit is issued. If you have an unregistered pistol, please call 911 and request to meet with an officer to surrender the pistol into their custody. You will be given a receipt for the pistol(s), which must be included with your application. You will also need to include a notarized letter explaining how the pistol was obtained and whether it was legally registered elsewhere.

It is not required that you acquire a gun before you apply for a pistol permit.

### **WHAT DOES ARREST MEAN?**

Your pistol permit application specifically states: "Have you ever been arrested, summoned, charged or indicted anywhere for any offense, including DWI (except traffic infractions)?"

You must state all arrests regardless of whether or not you were convicted. Sealed charges must also be listed.

#### What does arrest mean?

- You were given an appearance ticket by a police officer to appear before a judge for anything from a town/village ordinance on up to a felony.
- You were handcuffed and taken to jail.
- You were fingerprinted and photographed for a criminal matter of DWI by the police.
- A warrant for an arrest was issued for you and you either were directed to turn yourself into a police department or appear before a judge.
- You were directed by a police officer to appear before a judge.

Any omission of fact or any false statement will be sufficient cause to **deny this application** and constitutes a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

If you appeared in Court, you must provide an official disposition from the Court(s) with your application. We need to know the final outcome of your case(s).

Even if the Court no longer has record of the outcome of your case(s) because it is a very old case(s) or they have destroyed the record or your case(s) were sealed; you still have a criminal record and all New York State Police Departments have full access to this information, even if it was an out-of-state arrest.

The term "sealed record" means that at the time of your last court appearance it was the Judge's decision to seal the case so only authorized persons can view the outcome. Most courts and police departments will not give you this information. It will appear as "no record" when you request a criminal record check at a police

department or request dispositions from the courts. This does not mean that you were not arrested or that you don't have a criminal record.

You must state all arrests even if you do not remember the dates or dispositions, even if you have had multiple arrests over several years. If you appeared before the Judge, you must state it.

**REMEMBER: IF YOU DO NOT STATE ALL ARRESTS ON YOUR APPLICATION, YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE TERMINATED FROM FURTHER PROCESSING.**

## APPLICATION FAQ'S

### **The application asks for a NYSID and License Number. What is that?**

The NYSID, License Number and Date of Issue are all for internal use only. Start the application at the box for "Last Name".

### **The application asks for arrest information. Where do I get this information?**

Contact the police agency where the incident occurred (ie. NYS Police, Sheriff's Department, Police Department, etc).

### **The application asks me to check a box for a certain type of license. What should I choose?**

There are three options to choose from: Carry Concealed, Possess on Premises and Possess/Carry During Employment. **Carry Concealed** is the most commonly chosen and gives you the least amount of restrictions. **Possess on Premises** means that a householder/business owner can have a firearm in his/her dwelling/business but cannot carry a firearm anywhere else. **Possess/Carry During Employment** is used in very limited instances and will only allow you to carry your firearm for work purposes.

### **Do you take photos in the office?**

Photos must be taken by our office in order to be used on your pistol permit.

### **Does the form need to be notarized before I come in?**

Please wait until you are in front of a Clerk to sign your application.

### **Who can serve as a character reference for my application?**

Your references must live in Monroe County and must have known you for at least 3 years. These references **may not** be law enforcement, retired law enforcement, multiple people from the same household, family members or anyone who may be included as a member of your household. This also includes boyfriend/girlfriend and husband/wife.

### **Can I have my fingerprints done somewhere else or at a police sub-station?**

Your fingerprints **MUST** be done at the location instructed in your application packet. You cannot go to another police station or sub-station for fingerprints. Even if you have already been fingerprinted for a job or any another reason, you still must be fingerprinted again for your pistol permit.

### **I've moved and I've already turned in my application. Do I need to notify you?**

Yes. Once you move you **MUST** notify the Clerk's office. This can only be done by visiting our office in-person with identification showing your new address. If an agency attempts to contact you by mail and gets no response because you've moved, they can deny your application or seriously delay the process.

### **Do I need to take a firearms safety course in order to apply?**

Monroe County does not require you to take a firearms safety course as a requirement for application. There is information about available courses in this packet and on the County Clerk's website.

### **How does the pistol permit process work?**

The Clerk's Office facilitates the transfer of the permit file to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for suburban residents and the Rochester Police Department for city residents. Law enforcement will conduct a thorough investigation on the applicant and will also receive comment from the State Department of Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Criminal Justice Services, both of which are located in Albany. The Captain assigned to the process will make a **recommendation** to the Court for approval or denial. Just because your references were called or the police agency says that your investigation is complete, does NOT mean that your permit is ready.

Once the police agency has completed their investigation and turned your application to the Clerk's Office, we forward it on to a Monroe County Court Judge who will then make a final decision on the application. **Applicants may receive notice of approval or disapproval from a Judge by mail.** It is possible that you will not receive any contact during the application process until you receive your approval/denial letter.

As soon as the County Clerk's Office receives the approved files back from the Court, permit cards are printed and mailed out.

## **Request for Public Records Exemption AKA Opt Out Form**

According to NYS Penal Law (Section 400.00 (5) (b)), the name and address of Pistol Permit Holders is considered public information. Therefore, the **NYSAFE Act** created a process to protect the privacy of pistol license holders to exempt this information from Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests.

The form is attached for you to complete **if you so choose**. You are required to check one of the boxes #1-4 or the form will be returned to you for completion.

You can turn this form in with your application or you can drop it off or mail it to our office (39 West Main Street, Room 101, Rochester, NY 14614) at any time. Once you have submitted this form, you do NOT need to re-new this request.

**Because you are an applicant and have not yet received your Firearms License Number (Carry number) or your date of issue, you can leave those portions blank.**

# NYS Firearms License Request for Public Records Exemption

*Pursuant to section 400.00 (5) (b) of the NYS Penal Law*

I am:  **an applicant** for a firearms license  **currently licensed** to possess a firearm in NYS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms License # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Licensing Authority / County of Issuance or Application \_\_\_\_\_

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**I hereby request that any information concerning my firearms license application or firearms license not be a public record.** The grounds for which I believe my information should **NOT** be publicly disclosed are as follows: *(check all that are applicable)*

**1. My life or safety may be endangered by disclosure because:**

- A. I am an active or retired police officer, peace officer, probation officer, parole officer, or corrections officer;
- B. I am a protected person under a currently valid order of protection;
- C. I am or was a witness in a criminal proceeding involving a criminal charge;
- D. I am participating or previously participated as a juror in a criminal proceeding, or am or was a member of a grand jury;

**2. My life or safety or that of my spouse, domestic partner or household member may be endangered by disclosure for some other reason explained below:** *(Must be explained in item 5 below)*

**3. I am a spouse, domestic partner or household member of a person identified in A, B, C or D of question 1.**

*(Please check any that apply)*

A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

**4. I have reason to believe that I may be subject to unwarranted harassment upon disclosure.**

**5.** *(Please provide any additional supportive information as necessary)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that false statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor. I further understand that upon discovery that I knowingly provided any false information, I may be subject to criminal penalties and that this request for an exemption shall become null and void.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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For applicants under twenty-one years of age only:

Have you been honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard, or the National Guard of the State of New York?

YES  NO

Photograph  
Of Applicant  
Taken Within 30 Days

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Face Only

Knowingly providing false information will be sufficient cause to deny this application and constitutes a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. I am aware that the following conditions affect any license which may be issued to me:

1. No license issued as a result of this application is valid in the City of New York.
2. Any license issued as a result of this application will be valid only for a pistol or revolver specifically described in the license properly issued by the licensing officer.
3. If I permanently change my address, notice of such change and my new address must be forwarded to the Superintendent of the State Police and in Nassau County and Suffolk County, to the licensing officer of that county, within 10 days of such change.
4. Any license issued as a result of this application is subject to revocation at any time by the licensing officer or any judge or justice of a court of record.

Jurat:

Signed and sworn to before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_, New York

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer

**APPLICATION NOT VALID UNLESS SWORN**

**Fingerprints submitted electronically by:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Investigation Report – All information provided by this applicant has been verified:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Investigating Officer

This application is ~~Approved~~ – Disapproved (Strike out one)

The following restriction(s) is (are) applicable to this license:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title and Signature of Licensing Officer

If Licensing Officer authorizes the possession of a pistol, revolver or single shot firearm(s) at the time of issue of original license, furnish the following information:

Manufacturer	Pistol / Revolver / Single Shot	Model	Frame Only	Caliber(s)	Serial Number	Property Of
			<input type="checkbox"/>			
			<input type="checkbox"/>			
			<input type="checkbox"/>			
			<input type="checkbox"/>			

Duplicate of this application must be filed with the Superintendent of State Police within 10 days of issuance as required by Penal Law Section 400.00 SUBD.5.

This form is approved by Superintendent of the State Police as required by Penal Law section 400.00, SUBD. 3.

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**PISTOL / REVOLVER LICENSE APPLICATION FINGERPRINT FORM**

*INSTRUCTIONS:* Print or type in black ink only

Last Name	Suffix		
First Name	MI	Date of Birth – MM DD YYYY	NY Driver's License (or NY Non-Driver ID) No.

<b>1. RIGHT THUMB</b>	<b>2. RIGHT FOREFINGER</b>	<b>3. RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER</b>	<b>4. RIGHT RING FINGER</b>	<b>5. RIGHT LITTLE FINGER</b>
<b>6. LEFT THUMB</b>	<b>7. LEFT FOREFINGER</b>	<b>8. LEFT MIDDLE FINGER</b>	<b>9. LEFT RING FINGER</b>	<b>10. LEFT LITTLE FINGER</b>

**PLAIN IMPRESSIONS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY**

<b>LEFT FOUR FINGERS</b>	<b>THUMBS TAKEN TOGETHER</b>	<b>RIGHT FOUR FINGERS</b>

**IMPRESSIONS TAKEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

RANK

SHIELD

DATE

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach this form to your Pistol / Revolver License Application (PPB-3)*

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For applicants under twenty-one years of age only:

Have you been honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard, or the National Guard of the State of New York?

YES  NO

Photograph  
Of Applicant  
Taken Within 30 Days

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Face Only

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4. Any license issued as a result of this application is subject to revocation at any time by the licensing officer or any judge or justice of a court of record.

Jurat:

Signed and sworn to before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_, New York

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer

**APPLICATION NOT VALID UNLESS SWORN**

Fingerprints submitted electronically by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Investigation Report – All information provided by this applicant has been verified:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Investigating Officer

This application is ~~Approved~~ – Disapproved (Strike out one)

The following restriction(s) is (are) applicable to this license:

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Title and Signature of Licensing Officer

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Manufacturer	Pistol / Revolver / Single Shot	Model	Frame Only	Caliber(s)	Serial Number	Property Of
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This form is approved by Superintendent of the State Police as required by Penal Law section 400.00, SUBD. 3.



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# Office of the Sheriff Monroe County

Todd K. Baxter  
SHERIFF

130 SOUTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614 · PHONE (585) 753-4178

**MENTAL HYGIENE  
CHECK REQUIRED FOR ALL  
PISTOL PERMIT APPLICANTS**

State of New York  
Department of Mental Hygiene  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, New York 12225

In order that we may comply with the legislation on the issuance of pistol permits, we would appreciate information concerning the person listed below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alias/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Todd K. Baxter  
Monroe County Sheriff



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**FORM 3**

# Office of the Sheriff Monroe County

Todd K. Baxter  
SHERIFF

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130 SOUTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614 • PHONE (585) 753-4178

**Dear Pistol Permit Applicant:**

*If you take any medication for anxiety, depression, bi-polar disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, etc or have been to counseling or seen a Psychiatrist or Psychologist for any reason, You must complete the attached Authorization for Release of Personal Information. This will prevent any further delays in processing your application. (Being on medication or receiving Mental Health services is **NOT** an automatic dismissal)*

*Note: Please leave the expiration date blank. The investigating deputy will fill it in upon contacting your prescribing MD or counselor. (See Form 4, Item # 3)*

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Prescribing MD, Counselor, Psychiatrist, or Psychologist etc.**

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_



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# Office of the Sheriff Monroe County

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**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM - Authorization for Release of Personal Information**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize the release, review and full disclosure of all records, or any part thereof, concerning myself, to any duly authorized agent of Monroe County Sheriff's Office, whether the said record are public, private or confidential in nature.

The purpose of this authorization is to give consent for full and complete disclosure of the records of any; educational institutions; public utility companies; Armed Forces of the United States, or any country or any territory, or in the reserve forces of the National Guard; medical, psychological and psychiatric reports of consultation, treatment and evaluation at or any hospital, clinic, private practitioner and the U.S. Veteran's Administration.

**Federal HIPAA Compliance Authorization**

1. Purpose : Pistol permit application submitted to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.
2. Time Frame and authorization needed: any and all pertinent and up to date medical records.
3. To be completed by Deputy - Date of expiration : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
4. The candidate has the right to revoke the authorization in writing. The candidate must be aware that the potential for information disclosed pursuant to this authorization to be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and no longer protected under this rule.

Employment and pre-employment records, including salary records, background reports, polygraph test questions, answers and reports, pre-employment and promotional examinations; records of compliant, arrest, trial and/or convictions for alleged violations of law, including criminal and/or traffic records and records of complaints of civil nature made by me or against me, wherever located, including the records and recollections of any attorney at law or counsel, whether representing me or another person in any case in which I have been a party or had an interest.



*"One Team"*



**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM - Authorization for Release of Personal Information**  
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It is my specific intent to provide access to personal information and to release copies and abstracts however personal or confidential they may appear to be. The sources of information specifically enumerated herein are for illustrative purposes only and such enumeration shall not be used to deny access to any records not specifically identified herein. The reason for this authorization is to provide full and free access to the background and history of personal life for the specific purpose of conducting a background investigation, which may provide pertinent data for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to consider in determining my suitability for a pistol permit in Monroe County.

In any event my application is disapproved, the sources of any confidential information will not be revealed to me. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organization and the person to whom this request is presented as well as their agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and request expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, arising out of or by reason of complying with this request.

I have read and fully understand the contents of the "Authorization for Release of Personal Information"

DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_      Social Security Number \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_      Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Before me, the subscriber came.

\_\_\_\_\_ known to me, and known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument and who executed the same and (s)he duly acknowledged the (s)he executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public / Commissioner of Deeds**

# Pistol Permit APPLICANT Questionnaire

Please Print in **BLACK INK**

**FORM 5**  
Page 1 of 3

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ALL QUESTIONS MUST HAVE A DETAILED RESPONSE AND BE ANSWERED TRUTHFULLY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY\***

What is your current address? \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip

How long have you lived at the address listed above? \_\_\_\_\_ Y (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ M (Months)

**\*\*If you have lived at the above address for less than three years please list previous address\*\***

Previous address? \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip

How long did you live at the previous address? \_\_\_\_\_ Y (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ M (Months)

Who resides with you? **LIST ALL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Widow(er)  Dating  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address if different from yours: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip

How long have you been with your significant other? \_\_\_\_\_ Y (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ M (Months)

Do you have children with your significant other? YES NO

\*If yes list all:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

Do you have a previous significant relationship? YES NO

\*If yes list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Street City/Town State Zip

Do you have children with your previous significant other? YES NO

\*If yes list all:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name DOB Cell Phone Name DOB Cell Phone

Are you a US Citizen? YES NO

**NOTE: if not a US citizen, the applicant must provide a copy of their passport, green card and NYS Driver's License.**



**CONTINUED Pistol Permit APPLICANT Questionnaire**

Has prescription medication ever been a problem for you? (if so, state in detail the extent of the issue, dates of when you were on the medication, whether or not you are still on the medication and contact information of the MD or Therapist who prescribed the medication):

YES NO

What do you do to handle stress? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse, significant other, or roommate aware that you applied for a permit?

YES NO

Does the person with whom you have a child in common aware you applied for a permit?

YES NO

Are you a veteran of the Armed Forces?

YES NO

Which branch? \_\_\_\_\_

\*If yes, please provide a copy of your DD-214

Use the remaining spaces to add anything else that we have not already covered that you feel is important for the investigating Deputy to be aware of.

\*\*\*\*\*ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAPER IF MORE SPACE NEEDED\*\*\*\*\*

*Verification by Subscription and Notice*

*Under Penal Law Section 210.45*

*It is a crime, punishable as a class A misdemeanor under the laws of the State of New York, for a person, in and by written instrument, to knowingly make a false statement, or to make a statement which such person does not believe to be true.*

*Affirmed under the penalty of perjury this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_*

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**Applicant's Signature**

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA: Section to be completed by Investigating Deputy**

Investigating Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_ IBM: \_\_\_\_\_ CR# \_\_\_\_\_

*Attempts to contact applicant:*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Questions Continued

Q. I am moving out of state. Will I still be able to keep my NY State pistol permit?

A. In general, once a resident has moved out to another state, his/her pistol permit is void.

Q. Is a pistol permit issued by a licensing officer in an upstate county valid in New York City?

A. No. A pistol permit issued by an upstate county is valid in any county in New York State except New York City.

Q. What section of the Penal Law authorizes the placing of restrictions on pistol permits by the issuing authority?

A. The Penal Law does not specifically authorize the placing of restrictions on pistol permits. However, court decisions have consistently supported the ability of licensing officials to impose these restrictions. Such an imposition is an administrative function of the licensing officer.

Q. I heard that if I put down "self defense or personal protection" on my permit application it will be denied? This is false. Do not be "creative" with the reasons you require a handgun. Be direct and to the point.

Q. My permit has restrictions on it. What can I do?

A. Send a well-written correspondence to the issuing judge detailing your reasons for requesting the lifting of restrictions. Note: This does not guarantee that the judge will lift the restrictions.

Q. How long does it take to get a pistol permit in Monroe County?

A. Generally, the population in a county has a direct affect on the speed in which the permit application and investigation are completed. Monroe County has a large population thus, more applications.

## MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOME FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

This course is a 4 hour informational discussion with participation. The Home Firearms Safety Course covers topics such as:

- Fundamentals of firearm safety
- Safe home storage of firearms
- Pistol permit licensing and permit Q & A
- New York State Penal Law Article 35 (defense of life and property)
- Domestic violence and firearms
- Prohibited locations to carry

The course is pre-scheduled for one Thursday a month and is conducted at the:

Public Safety Training Facility  
1190 Scottsville Road Rochester, NY.

For registration information please visit  
[www.monroecountysheriff.info](http://www.monroecountysheriff.info)

### Monroe County Sheriff's Office

130 S. Plymouth Ave  
Rochester, New York 14614  
(585) 753-4178



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Todd K. Baxter  
Sheriff

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For reports or emergencies call **911**

MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# FIREARMS SAFETY



# FIREARMS SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

DO YOU HAVE FIREARMS IN YOUR HOUSE?

ARE THEY STORED PROPERLY?

DOES YOUR FAMILY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THEM SAFELY?



## BASIC GUN SAFETY RULES

ANYONE TOUCHING A FIREARM SHOULD KNOW:

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never allow the muzzle to point at anything you are not willing to see destroyed.
3. Be sure of your target and know what lies behind it.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned on target.
5. Be sure your guns are never accessible to unauthorized or untrained individuals.

### SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY RULES

Alcohol & gunpowder don't mix -- Don't shoot or handle firearms after drinking or using psycho-active drugs.

Get training before shooting. The Monroe County Sheriff Office offers a Home Firearms Safety Course.

Learn & follow range rules for the location where you're shooting.

Wear hearing protection and safety glasses.

### KEY GUIDELINES FOR SAFE STORAGE INCLUDE:

Unloaded firearms should be stored in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case. Be sure to place a locked storage case in a location inaccessible to children.

Unloaded firearms can also be secured with a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for lock storage. If firearms are disassembled, parts should be securely stored in separate locations.

### Rules continued

Store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.

Always re-check firearms carefully and completely to confirm that they are "still" unloaded when you remove them from storage.

### SAFETY AND STORAGE DEVICES:

If you decide to keep a firearm in your home you must consider the issue of how to store the firearm in a safe and secure manner.

There are a variety of safety and storage devices currently available. Some devices are locking mechanisms designed to keep the firearm from being loaded or fired, but don't prevent the firearm from being handled or stolen. There are also locking storage containers that hold the firearm out of sight. For maximum safety you should use both a firearm safety device and a locking storage container to store your unloaded firearm.

### REMEMBER:

Safety and storage devices are only as secure as the precautions you take to protect the key or combination to the lock.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What happens to lawfully possessed firearm belonging to a licensee who has died?
- A. The person designated as the executor or administrator of the deceased's estate may lawfully possess the firearms in question for a period of up to 15 days for the sole purpose of lawfully disposing of the firearms. If this cannot be accomplished within the 15 day time frame, the weapons must be surrendered to a law enforcement agency.
- Q. Are antique handguns subject to the same laws as those applied to modern handguns?
- A. The Penal Law definition of antique firearm is generally applied to muzzle loading black powder firearms, but also applies to pistols or revolvers "that use fixed cartridges which are no longer available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade". Muzzle loading pistols or revolvers do not have to be registered on a pistol permit if the owner never intends to fire them.
- A. If they are possessed in a loaded condition or are simply possessed simultaneously with the components necessary to make them fire, they must first be registered on a valid pistol permit.
- Q. When can a licensing officer revoke a pistol permit?
- A. The New York State Penal Law provides a number of instances which mandate the automatic revocation of a pistol permit, such as conviction for a felony-level crime or a serious offense. The law also provides for the cancellation of a license at any time by a judge or justice of a court of record who decides that a licensee is no longer fit to possess firearms.
- Q. Can a licensee who owns two homes in separate counties obtain pistol permits in both counties?
- A. No. An application for a pistol permit can only be made in the county in which the applicant primarily resides.