

# **Firearms Licensing**

## **Firearms Identification Card**

A Firearms Identification Card permits the purchase, possession and carrying of non-large capacity rifles and shotguns. You must be 18 years of age or 15 with parental consent to apply for a Firearms Identification Card. The fee for a Firearms Identification Card is \$100 (\$25 for applicants under the age of 18). Renewals are free for those over 70 years of age. Firearms Identification Cards are valid for six years unless suspended or revoked.

## **License to Carry a Firearm**

A License to Carry a Firearm permits the purchase, possession and carrying of large capacity handguns, rifles, shotguns and feeding devices. This license allows for the concealed carrying of firearms. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older to obtain a License to Carry a Firearm. The fee for a License to Carry a Firearm is \$100. Renewals are free for those over 70 year of age. A License to Carry a Firearm is valid for six years unless suspended or revoked.

## **Processing**

Complete and sign an application along with a lost/stolen firearm affidavit. Return the completed documents to the Spencer Police Department. You will be notified in a week or so to make an appointment for further processing. Bring a check or money order with you at that time made payable to the Spencer Police Department. Once all back ground checks have been completed your application will be given final approval and submitted to the Firearms Records Bureau. Once issued, your permit will be forwarded to you by mail. If your application is ultimately denied, the processing fee is not refundable.

## **Training**

Any person making application for the issuance of a firearms license, who was not licensed prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998, must submit with their application a Basic Firearms Safety Certificate or Basic Hunter Education Course.

## **Grace Period**

Firearms licenses will remain valid after the expiration date until the application for renewal is either approved or denied. However, the licensee must present a valid receipt from his/her local licensing authority showing that the renewal application was submitted prior to the expiration of the current license.

## **Chemical Spray**

A Firearms Identification Card is no longer required to purchase or possess self-defense spray unless under the age of 18.

## **Capacity**

Large Capacity is defined as more than (5) five round capacity for a shotgun and more that (10) ten round capacity for a handgun or rifle.

### **Carrying & Storage**

It is recommended that a persons who carries a firearm out-of-doors, carry it in an enclosed case or concealed from public view. While engaged in hunting, however, a person may carry a loaded or unloaded rifle or shotgun on a public way.

A handgun or large capacity rifle or shotgun may be left unattended in a vehicle provided that the weapon is unloaded and is secured in a locked case or trunk of the vehicle. A trigger lock shall be sufficient for non-large capacity rifles or shotguns.

Handguns, rifles and shotguns which are stored in the home must be kept secured in a locked container or equipped with a mechanical lock or other safety device when not under the control of the owner or authorized person.

### **Massachusetts Gun Portal**

The purpose of the Portal is to allow individuals to report personal sales, transfers, and surrenders of a firearms via the internet. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the paper FA-10 forms will no longer be accepted. The portal will be available at <https://mircs.chs.state.ma.us/fa10>.