

Forms, Permits and Fees

Firearms

*****COVID-19 INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE TO CARRY*****

Due to the Courthouse being closed due to the COVID-19 Crisis we have instituted the following process until May 29, 2020:

You will be able to mail your application to the Erie County Sheriff's Office 140 W 6th St Erie, PA 16501. Sign and date the application for the day you fill it out.

A fee in the amount of \$20 in the form of a MONEY ORDER must be included.

You must include a black and white photocopy of both sides of your drivers' license.

Non-residents must include a photocopy of your firearms permit from the state in which you reside.

Include a working phone number as you will be contacted by the Sheriff's Office to set up an appointment to have your picture taken and your signature captured.

Information about applying for a firearm permit:

- We have instated a new policy for walk-in applicants. It will be based on the first letter of your last name. On Monday A, B, C, D, E on Tuesday F, G, H, I, H on Wednesday K, L, M, N, O on Thursday P, Q, R, S, T on Friday U, V, W, X, Y, Z. **ALL NON-RESIDENT WALKIN APPLICANTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY.**

- All Pennsylvania applicants are required to have a valid Pennsylvania driver's license or a government-issued photo ID and must pay a fee of \$20 (cash only) at the time the application is submitted.
- Non-residents are required to have a driver's license from where they reside and a valid carrying permit from their respective state. The fee is also \$20 (cash only) at the time the application.
- All applications must have two references with their name, address and contact information.
- A photo will be taken at that time.

By state law, the Erie County Sheriff has the responsibility to process all applications for a license to carry firearms and to issue licenses to all those applicants who qualify, based on a background investigation done by the Sheriff's Office. The sheriff also licenses all firearms dealers in Erie County. All licenses are processed through the Pennsylvania Instant Check System. Once an application for license to carry is filed, the sheriff has 45 days in which to do the investigation and notify the applicant. The permit is valid for five years. The sheriff has the ability to revoke the license at any time for misuse.

For more information on firearms licensing and safety, call the firearms division at 814-451-7444, Mondays through Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.