CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT INFORMATION

This document will acquaint you with the application process and the basic requirements for obtaining a concealed weapon permit.

PROCESS

1. Application:

Applicants are to complete the California Department of Justice Standard Application form. WARNING: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON.

BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS INCLUDING SECTION 7 "Investigator's Interview Notes".

After completion of the DOJ Application, contact CSO Gayle Yniguez at 209-385-6901 to schedule an appointment.

DO NOT SIGN THE APPLICATION. IT MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The applicant must be in possession of a valid identification and show the identification when turning in the application.

2. Good Cause Determination:

An investigation will be conducted into your statement of good cause. If a determination is made that you do not meet the good cause requirement, your application will be denied and you will be notified in writing. IF you meet the good cause requirement, you will be requested to appear at the Concealed Weapon Permit's Office to continue the application process. A total of $100.00, payable by cashier's check or money order, will be required at that time.

3. Fingerprints:

Go to the Live Scan business/agency of your choice and have your fingerprints taken. Please ensure that any private fingerprinting service you select is certified by the California

Department of Justice. Pay any and all applicable fees to complete the Firearms Record Review.

4. Criminal History:

Your fingerprints will be Live Scanned to the State of California Department of Justice where your background will be checked to determine if you are free from those criminal offenses that would prohibit you from acquiring a concealed weapon permit.

A permit cannot be issued until clearance from the Department of Justice is received.

5. Psychological Test

The Merced Police Department requires the applicant to be referred to an authorized psychologist for psychological testing (not to exceed $150) shall be paid by the applicant. Upon approval the Concealed Weapons Permits Coordinator will refer you to the Department's authorized psychologist.

6. Background Check:

The Merced Police Department will conduct a background investigation to verify the information on your application and to determine if you meet the good moral character requirement.

7. Training and Qualification:

You must provide evidence of having met this requirement before a permit will be issued.

8. Handgun Requirements:

Other than new handguns purchased through a State of California authorized licensed gun dealers, you must provide documented proof the weapon to be carried is a safe handgun and that you have qualified with the weapon to be carried.

The weapon must be checked by a California Department of Justice approved range master or armorer.

9. Permit Issuance:

If you have met all requirements for a concealed weapon permit, you will be asked to respond in person to the Concealed Weapon Permits Coordinator's office in order to receive your permit.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Good Causes:

You must have good cause to obtain a concealed weapon permit. Good Cause is defined as:

Any citizen concerned for the safety of themselves, their family and friends, or their employees, can apply for a CCW license subject to the following qualifications:

2. Residence and Age:

You must be 21 years of age or older and reside in the City of Merced.

3. Prohibited Persons:

Persons convicted of certain criminal offenses or with a history of certain mental problems are prohibited by law from obtaining a concealed weapon permit. These offenses are listed in the application attachments.

4. Good Moral Character:

You must be of good moral character. Applicants, at minimum, must have no criminal convictions within the past 10 years of a crime involving moral turpitude, have no history of alcohol or drug abuse and have no dishonorable discharge from military service.

5. Training and Qualifications:

Applicants must provide proof of having completed and approved handgun training course (of a minimum of eight hours) and having fired a minimum of 100 rounds with the weapon/s to be carried. A training course must be completed which involves a certified course of instruction by an instructor certified by the State of California. The Basic Safety Course involving a test or the viewing of a video does not meet the training requirement.

6. Letter from Employer:

If the applicant states that good cause for obtaining a concealed weapon permit is related to his/her employment, the applicant must provide a letter from the employer authorizing the applicant to carry a concealed weapon during the course of his/her employment.

7. Conditions:

Certain conditions will be placed on the carrying of concealed weapons. These conditions are described in the attached Department Policy Statement.

8. Fees:

The Merced Police Department will charge a non-refundable fee of $100.00 for processing the application once a determination has been made that the applicant has met the good cause requirement.

9. Hold Harmless Agreement:

Applicants must complete a hold harmless agreement specifically naming the Chief of Police, the Merced Police Department and the City of Merced.

10. Renewals:

A concealed weapon permit is valid for two years. The permit must be renewed bi-annually to remain valid. The applicant will show evidence of successful completion of the required course of training. (Minimum of four hours & 50 rounds fired), which involves a certified course of instruction by an instructor certified by the State of California.

A non-refundable fee of $25.00, payable to the City of Merced by cashier's check or money order, is due at the time of renewal. In addition, the State Department of Justice charges a non-refundable fee of $52.00 for the concealed weapon permit renewal and payable to the California Department of Justice by cashier's check or money order at the time of renewal.

11. Modification of License Form (Amendments):

A change of name, address, addition or deletion of a weapon, or other changes to the concealed weapon permit is considered a modification of amendment. A non-refundable fee of $10.00 is payable by check or money order at the time of the modification or amendment.