

FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATION

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The fee schedule for both FID and Pistol Permits is: \$100.00. Fees do not apply to applicants over 70 years old. FID/ Pistol Permits expire in 6 years. **Applicants applying for an FID card who are under 18 years old will be charged a fee of \$25.**

1. Massachusetts has made changes to the firearms permitting process known as M.I.R.C.S. (Massachusetts Instant Record Check System). This allows for a more complete background check to be performed. All applicants for licenses must make an appointment and come in person to the Rockport Police Department and complete the required application. **The process may take up to 30 minutes to complete.**
2. For appointments contact **Sergeant James Hurst 978-546-1212 ext. 34** or **Officer Daniel Mahoney 978-546-1212 ext. 15**. A **non refundable** check or money order made out to the "TOWN OF ROCKPORT" is due when your application is submitted.
3. After submitting the application, background checks will be done to confirm that there are no disqualifying factors. All records are then sent to be processed with the appropriate State agencies.
4. **FID** applicants between the ages of **15** and **18** years old **MUST HAVE A SIGNED LETTER OF PERMISSION FROM A PARENT**. No new Pistol Permits may be issued to a person under the age of **21**.
5. First issue applicants for pistol permits are required to submit two (2) letters of recommendation regarding suitability to carry a firearm to the Chief of Police, from, **unrelated** individuals. Individuals writing the letters must supply their **address** and **phone number**.
6. Under the provisions under MGL, if you are not a current holder of a "valid" License to Carry or FID; or this is your first time applying for either a FID or License to Carry, **you must submit to the Rockport Police Department, a certificate of completion of a Basic Firearms Safety course that is certified by the Massachusetts State Police**. A Hunting and Safety course that is offered by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife shall also satisfy this requirement.
7. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts portion of the process is expected to take up to 8 weeks. You will be notified by telephone when your license has been approved.
8. All forms needed can be found at: www.mass.gov/eopss/firearms-reg-and-laws/frb/