



City of Cambridge Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

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STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUING OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 131, a Chief of Police may, after a proper investigation, issue a license to an individual to carry a firearm. It is the policy of the Cambridge Police Department for the license applicant to bear the burden of producing substantial evidence showing that he/she is a proper person to receive such a license.

A license to carry a firearm is issued for two primary reasons: 1) target practice and 2) protection of life and property. A license for protection of life and property may be restricted for employment purposes only.

All persons applying for a license to carry a firearm must present themselves to the Services Division and must provide proof that they reside or have a place of business in the City of Cambridge. The applicant must provide, in writing, the reason(s) they need a license to carry. If the need is for employment purposes, a letter of verification from the employer on the business' letterhead must also be submitted. If the license is for target practice, a letter from a supervised gun range must be submitted. Irregardless of the reason, the need for a license to carry a firearm must be shown by the applicant.

Upon presenting themselves to the Services Division, the applicant must:

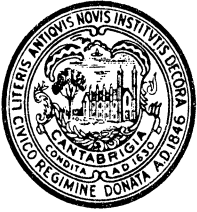
- 1) complete an application
- 2) fill out an information form to conduct a probation check
- 3) sign a notarized affidavit stating the applicant has never been confined to a hospital nor been under the treatment of a physician for mental illness, psychiatric or emotional problems, or been a habitual user of alcohol (this is a requirement for a firearms identification card and it is extended to a license to carry)
- 4) complete a range qualification form, and
- 5) sign a waiver absolving the City of Cambridge of any injuries suffered during the firearms test.

For the firearms test, the applicant is asked general question on M.G.L., Chapter 140, and general question on the use of small firearms. Each applicant must attain a passing score on the shooting test.

A complete investigation is conducted by a Police Lieutenant verifying all facts submitted by the applicant and including a thorough background check.

Individual reviews of each applicant are conducted once all the materials are complete. Reasons for automatic denial of a license include not being a resident nor having a place of business in the City of Cambridge, being an alien, anyone convicted of a felony or of the unlawful use, possession or sale of a narcotic or harmful drug, or a minor under the age of eighteen. A combination of other miscellaneous evidence gathered may also be cause for denial.

All licenses to carry a firearm are valid for five years, expiring on the applicant's date of birth occurring not less than four years but not more than five years after the effective date of issue.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

April 9, 1984

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 4, enclosed please find copy of the standards applied by the Police Department for the issuing of a license to carry a firearm.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 4
relative to standards applied by the Police
Dept. for the issuing of a license to carry a
firearm.

*copy sent to Councilor Wolf, Chairperson,
Committee on Public Safety in her
next Council package for Friday, April 20 '84*

In City Council,

April 9, 1984

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*Placed on File-
Reference to the
Comm on Public
Safety on
Motion of C. Wolf*