



Police Department
Concealed Weapon Permit - Initial

*****DO NOT TAKE YOUR 16HR COURSE UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED*****

In order to apply for a license to carry a concealed weapon you must:

1. Be a resident of the City of Shafter.
2. Be at least 21 years of age.
3. Fully complete an application that will include substantial personal information. Much of the information in the application may be subject to public access under the Public Records Act.
4. Be free from criminal convictions that would disqualify the applicant from carrying a concealed weapon. Livescan fingerprints will be required, with applicable \$93 non-refundable fee paid by the applicant. A complete criminal background check will be conducted. No felony convictions, no misdemeanor convictions in the past 5 years.
5. Be of good moral character.
6. Show good cause for the issuance of the license.
7. Pay all associated application fees, the current application fee is \$100. These fees are set by statute. Any modifications to an issued Concealed Weapon Permit, including adding or deleting firearms, are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.
8. Be a registered owner of any weapon to be licensed for concealment. No more than 3 firearms may be listed on a license.
9. Be free from any medical or psychological conditions that might make the applicant unsuitable for carrying a concealed weapon.

Application Process

At the time the completed application is submitted the applicant shall submit:

1. Complete Application.
2. Valid California ID, with current address.
3. Cash or check made payable to the City of Shafter in the amount of \$20.00. This deposit of the application processing fee is non-refundable.

4. Any applicant whose request to carry a firearm includes their place of employment, must submit with their application a letter from his/her employer. This letter must acknowledge the fact the employer knows and approves of the applicant carrying the firearm while working.
5. Please list the names and contact information of three persons willing to serve as references. One of the three must be your spouse or former spouse, your cohabitant or former cohabitant, your fiancée, or someone whom you have, or previously had, an engagement or dating relationship, or mother or father of your child. At least one of the three must be your cohabitant, if applicable.
6. Any weapon to be considered for a license must be listed on the California Department of Justice Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale or must be approved by the Shafter Police Department Range Master to determine the weapon is safe.

Authorization Process

Once your complete application has been received and your background check is complete your application will be reviewed and approved or denied.

If approved, you will receive a phone call notifying you that your Concealed Weapon Permit is ready. To pick up your permit you will need to provide:

1. A certificate from an 16-hour firearms safety course, completed within the past 90 days.
2. The remainder of the application fee, \$80.00, to be paid by cash, check, or money order.

If your application is denied you will receive written notification within 90 days. You must wait at least 1 year before reapplying.

The Standard Concealed Weapon Permit is valid for 2 years from the date it is issued. It is the responsibility of the applicant to apply for a renewal prior to the expiration of your current Concealed Weapon Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Records at (661)746-8500.