



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please Read This Entire Document Carefully

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS DENIED, it is usually due to: Disqualifying criminal record, false answer to any question on the application or to any question asked by the licensing officer during the interview, criminal information omitted from (or not attached to) the application as required. As a result of enacting the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998, for the purposes of firearms licensing, any and all previous detentions, arrests, court appearances, juvenile adjudications including any "Sealed" records will be accessed and considered in order to determine the "suitability" of all applicants for licenses to carry and possess firearms. After reading this form you will be asked specific questions regarding personal background, past criminal history, etc. You must answer all questions fully and truthfully. Failure to do so will result in your application being denied.

In addition:

Question #10 on the application asks, "Have you ever appeared in any court as a defendant for any criminal offense (excluding non-criminal traffic offenses)? The key word here is "appeared" not necessarily arrested. You do not have to list any non-criminal traffic offenses. Having been arrested and convicted of a crime does not necessarily prohibit someone from getting a license to carry firearms or an FID card, not putting it down will.

Please note that, "ever appeared" includes all adult and juvenile court appearances. It does not matter if you were found "not guilty" or "not delinquent" or if the charges were "dismissed" or if the case was "continued without a finding", etc, you have to put it all down. If you don't answer all questions truthfully we will find out no matter how long ago the incident occurred. You must tell us if you have a "sealed" record, but you do not have to disclose what the offense was. We will receive notification of any "sealed record" disqualifiers, from the State.

If your application is denied we will not accept any excuse, such as "I forgot about it" or "they told me it wouldn't show up" or "it never showed up before" or "it was so long ago, I didn't think it mattered, now", etc.

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Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board (www.ma.gov/chsb/firearms) to learn how to obtain your Massachusetts criminal record check, before you submit your application. If there is any omission or if any false answer is found, your application will be denied and you may face criminal prosecution.

Signed _____

Date: _____