

# Town of Stoughton



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### Notice to Firearms Licensing applicants

-You will be asked a series of questions as part of the screening process for filing a firearms license application.

-One question will ask if you have ever been arrested or appeared in court as the defendant in a criminal case. This question asks if you have ever been charged with a crime. The final disposition of your criminal case, if applicable, is irrelevant and has no bearing on this question. If you have ever been charged with a crime or seen the inside of a court room as a defendant anywhere in the world at any point in time then the answer to this question should be yes. Answering yes to this question will not automatically disqualify you from being issued a license. Failure to truthfully answer this question, however, may result in the denial of your application.

-Making a false statement in an application for an FID or LTC is a crime [MGL Ch 140, s. 131] and may be considered as grounds for denial of your application.

-Failure to file a change of address form with the licensing authority that issued your license is a REVOKABLE offense.

-For RENEWAL applicants; Massachusetts Firearms Licensing Law changed on January 1, 2015. If you file your renewal application *before* the expiration of your current license, you will be allowed to carry firearms under the conditions of your existing license indefinitely, until the arrival of your renewed license. **You will need your issued receipt for this grace period to be in effect.** If you do not renew before the expiration of your current license, this change to the law does not apply.

-Your license will be approved or denied within a 40 day period, by statute. The issuance of the license after the approval may take an additional period of weeks. This is because there are several steps that need to be taken by the Licensing Authority after the approval or denial of your application. In total, the average wait time for the issuance of a license is approximately 90 days.

Signature of applicant,

Date,

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