

## **NEW PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS**

In order to maintain compliance with legislative-mandated gun permit application changes that became effective December 01, 2015, the Haywood County Sheriff's Office has implemented new procedures.

The new North Carolina General Statute 14-404 (e1) requires applicants for pistol purchase permits to sign a release of information authorizing the disclosure of any records concerning the mental health or capacity of the applicant. While this is a new requirement for pistol purchase permit applicants, N.C. G.S. 14-415.13 (concealed handgun permit section), has long contained a similar provision.

To apply for a pistol purchase permit at the Sheriff's Office, our citizens are asked to follow these procedures:

1. Come to the Sheriff's Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to complete a pistol purchase permit application. As before, a valid North Carolina driver's license or state-issued identification card with current address is required.
2. Pay the state mandated \$5 non-refundable pistol purchase permit application fee for each permit sought.
3. Complete the Release of Court Orders Concerning Mental Health and Capacity for Pistol Purchase Permit application. A notary at the Sheriff's Office will notarize the document on-site at no charge to the applicant.
4. When the Clerk of Court and Sheriff's Office have completed the legislative-mandated background processes, the applicant will be notified by telephone or email to return to the Sheriff's Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, presenting the same identification used at the time of application.

All state law requirements for handgun permits still apply.

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office is located at 1620 Brown Avenue, Waynesville. For additional information, please contact our office at (828) 452-6768.

To apply for a pistol purchase permit:

<https://haywoodso.permitium.com>

To apply for a concealed handgun permit:

<https://haywoodso.permitium.com/ccw/start>