

**RULES  
OF  
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY  
HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1340-02-04  
HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT PROCEDURES**

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**1340-02-04-.01 PURPOSE.** To establish uniform standards and systems for administering the issuing of handgun carry permits, as defined herein, under the provisions of T.C.A. § 39-17-1351 through 1366.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-2009, 39-17-1351, 39-17-1360, 39-17-1365, and 39-17-1366. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 16, 1996; effective January 28, 1997. Repeal and new rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Amendments filed December 19, 2024; effective March 19, 2025.

**1340-02-04-.02 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) Applicant means an individual who applies to obtain, renew, duplicate, upgrade, or reinstate a handgun carry permit.
- (2) Commissioner means the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- (3) Conviction means a plea of guilty, a finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere.
- (4) Department means the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.
- (5) Dishonorable conditions mean the following:
  - (a) A dishonorable discharge;
  - (b) A bad conduct discharge; or
  - (c) A dismissal.
- (6) Employed on a regular basis means a person has been gainfully employed in this state for at least thirty (30) hours a week for six (6) consecutive months not counting any absence from employment caused by the employee's use of sick leave, annual leave, administrative leave or compensatory time.

(Rule 1340-02-04-.02, continued)

- (7) Handgun carry permit means a permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- (8) Enhanced handgun carry permit means a handgun permit issued pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-17-1351.
- (9) Concealed handgun carry permit means a handgun permit issued pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-17-1366.
- (10) Lawful permanent resident means the status of having been accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with immigration laws such status not having changed.
- (11) Non-resident permit means a permit issued to a person who is a resident of and handgun permit holder in another state, but is employed in this state on a regular basis.
- (12) Permittee means a person who currently holds a valid handgun carry permit.
- (13) Resident means any person who lives in Tennessee for a period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in which the person's habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever the person is absent, the person has a definite intention to return. Resident also includes any person in the military residing in Tennessee, pursuant to military orders, and presents the department with the necessary documents as determined by the department to prove such residency.
- (14) Sheriff means the chief law enforcement officer of the county.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 2-2-122, 4-3-2009, 4-5-202, 39-17-1351, and 39-17-1360. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 16, 1996; effective January 28, 1997. Repeal and new rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Amendment filed October 20, 2003; effective February 27, 2004. Amendment filed December 15, 2006; effective date April 30, 2007. Amendments filed July 19, 2012; effective December 29, 2012. Amendments filed December 19, 2024; effective March 19, 2025.

### **1340-02-04-.03 FEES.**

- (1) The application fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Such fee will cover all aspects of processing the application and issuing a permit.
- (2) The application fee for a concealed handgun carry permit will be sixty-five dollars (\$65.00). Such fee will cover all aspects of processing the application and issuing a permit.
- (3) The application fee for a lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit will be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for an original applicant.
- (4) The application fee for upgrading a current enhanced handgun carry permit to a lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit will be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for an existing enhanced handgun carry permit holder.
- (5) The renewal fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed carry permit will be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (6) The fee for a duplicate enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed carry permit will be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (7) There is no fee for a temporary handgun carry permit for a person granted an order of protection.

(Rule 1340-02-04-.03, continued)

- (8) The acceptable method of payment for all initial fees will be by cash, certified check or credit card. Renewal fees may be paid by cash, personal check, certified check or credit card.
- (9) All fees are non-refundable.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-2009, 39-17-1351, 39-17-1356, 39-17-1360, and 39-17-1366. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 16, 1996; effective January 28, 1997. Repeal and new rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Amendment filed December 15, 2006; effective April 30, 2007. Repeal and new rule filed July 19, 2012; effective December 29, 2012. Rule was previously numbered 1340-02-04-.12. See 1340-02-04-.12 administrative history for more information. Amendments filed December 19, 2024; effective March 19, 2025.

#### **1340-02-04-.04 CRIMINAL HISTORY DISPOSITIONS.**

- (1) In cases where a permit has been issued prior to the department's receipt of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history fingerprint record checks and such record checks are returned to the department without dispositions, the permittee will have sixty (60) days from the date appearing in the Notice of Proposed Revocation to furnish the department with a disposition of such charge.
- (2) If the permittee does not submit to the department the requested information showing the disposition of charges on the permittee's criminal history, the permit will be revoked pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-17- 1352.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-2009, 39-17-1352, 39-17-1353, 39-17-1354, 39-17-1355, and 39-17-1360. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 16, 1996; effective January 28, 1997. Repeal and new rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Repeal and new rule filed July 19, 2012; effective December 29, 2012. Rule was previously numbered 1340-02-04-.16. See 1340-02-04-.16 administrative history for more information. Amendments filed December 19, 2024; effective March 19, 2025.

#### **1340-02-04-.05 REPEALED.**

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#### **1340-02-04-.06 REPEALED.**

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#### **1340-02-04-.07 REPEALED.**

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#### **1340-02-04-.08 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.09 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.10 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.11 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.12 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.13 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.14 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.15 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.16 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.17 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.18 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.19 REPEALED.**

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**1340-02-04-.20 REPEALED.**

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**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-2009 and 39-17-1360. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Repeal filed July 19, 2012; effective December 29, 2012.

**1340-02-04-.23 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-2009 and 39-17-1360. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed February 23, 1999; effective June 28, 1999. Repeal filed July 19, 2012; effective December 29, 2012.