

# License to Carry a Firearm

## 207.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Chief of Police is given the statutory discretion to issue a license to carry a firearm to residents within the community (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code § 26155). This policy provides a written process for the application and issuance of such licenses. Pursuant to Penal Code § 26160, this policy shall be made accessible to the public.

### 207.1.1 APPLICATION OF POLICY

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the Chief or other head of a municipal police department from entering into an agreement with the Sheriff of the county or preclude the Sheriff of the county from entering into an agreement with the Chief of any municipal police department to process all applications and license renewals for the carrying of concealed weapons (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code § 26155).

## 207.2 APPLICATION PROCESS

Any City of Santa Ana resident wishing to apply for a license to carry a concealed weapon shall be directed to the Orange County Sheriff's Department CCW Licensing Unit for permit application and the permit process. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 21655(c), the Santa Ana Police Department has entered into an agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to conduct the complete application process and issuance process for all concealed weapons permits, renewal of permits, and amendments to permits.

Residents are directed to contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 834-7229 or via email at [ccwpermits@ocsd.org](mailto:ccwpermits@ocsd.org) for further application process information. Additional information is also available for residents on the Orange County Sheriff's Department website at <http://www.ocsd.org/about/info/services/ccw>.

## 207.3 LIMITED BUSINESS LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM

The authority to issue a limited business license to carry a concealed firearm to a non-resident applicant is granted only to the Sheriff of the county in which the applicant works. A chief of a municipal police department may not issue limited licenses (Penal Code § 26150). Therefore, such applicants may be referred to the Sheriff for processing.

An individual who is not a resident of the county but who otherwise successfully completes all portions of phases one and two above, may apply for and be issued a limited license subject to approval by the Sheriff and subject to the following:

- (a) The applicant physically spends a substantial period of working hours in the applicant's principal place of employment or business within the City of Santa Ana (Penal Code § 26150).

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- (b) Such a license will be valid for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of issuance (Penal Code § 26220).
- (c) The applicant shall provide a copy of the license to the licensing authority of the city or county in which the applicant resides (Penal Code § 26220).
- (d) Any application for renewal or reissuance of such a license may be granted only upon concurrence of the original issuing authority and the licensing authority of the city or county in which the applicant resides (Penal Code § 26220).