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County Streamlines Concealed Pistol License Application Process

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**Traverse City** – The Grand Traverse County Clerk’s office recently installed a new fingerprint machine to improve the concealed pistol license application process. According to County Clerk Bonnie Scheele, “The machine will make it much more convenient and efficient for an applicant, because now that individual can apply for a concealed pistol license and be fingerprinted at the same time.”

State law requires a concealed pistol license applicant to “have classifiable fingerprints taken by the county clerk, state police, sheriff’s office, local police agency, or other entity that provides fingerprinting services”

Starting today, the hours for concealed pistol license fingerprinting have expanded. Concealed pistol license applications and fingerprinting will be offered at the County Clerk’s Office, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Monday through Friday (except holidays), from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Previously, applicants could only be fingerprinted at the County Jail on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

Concealed pistol application kits are provided free of charge during normal business hours by the County Clerk, and also may be accessed on line at michigan.gov/firearms. For new applications, there is a $115 application and licensing fee, which includes the cost of fingerprinting, payable to the County Clerk. Renewal applicants pay a $115 fee and do not need to be fingerprinted again.

For more information, call the County Clerk’s Office at 231-922-4760.

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