# HOUSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
## DONALD J. VALENZA, SHERIFF

## ***NEW CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022***

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The Houston County Sheriff's Office will be updating our website and online pistol permit application over the next few weeks. During this transition, unfortunately, we will not have an online pistol permit application available. All application will need to be done in person at 144 N. Oates St., Dothan, AL 36303.

Please have cash, check, or debit/credit card when you arrive to pick up and pay for your pistol permit upon approval. ***No payments will be made online.***

We hope these changes come with minimal to no inconvenience to our citizens and that this notice will help avoid any delays in service while we are in the process of implementing these new and improved updates.

### *A note concerning Alabama's Constitutional Carry law:*

Beginning January 1, 2023 citizens who are legally allowed to possess a firearm will no longer be *required* to obtain an Alabama pistol permit in order to open carry or concealed carry a pistol while in the state of Alabama; an Alabama pistol permit *will*, however, preserve your right to carry in any of the other states that currently honor Alabama permits.

*Alabama's constitutional carry law only applies to carrying within this state.*

It will not supersede another state's carry laws even if you are only visiting another state or simply traveling through it. If you carry a pistol from Alabama into another without an Alabama pistol permit, that state will have jurisdiction. You will not be afforded constitutional carry rights based on your Alabama residency. You will be subject to *that state's* carry laws and/or permit requirements; being in violation could lead to arrest and/or criminal charges.

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