



HOUSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ONLINE PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATIONS: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2022

Pistol permit applications may now be submitted online by visiting houstoncountysheriff.org or apply 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.