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This Teletype is being issued to provide additional guidance to Teletype #07-137-14 issued yesterday on firearms enforcement in light of the Palmer vs. DC ruling. Unfortunately, this ruling has left many unanswered legal questions that are currently being reviewed by the OAG. The guidance below is to assist members in making immediate enforcement decisions until these legal issues have been resolved.

**This ruling only applies to handguns and does not apply to long guns or shot guns which are still illegal to carry in the District.**

It is important to remember our job as law enforcement officers is to enforce laws and regulations that are in effect.

**Difference between possession of a firearm and criminal offense committed with a firearm**

Under the current ruling, possession of a firearm outside of the home or business in and of itself MAY NOT be criminal. For example, a District resident that has a legally registered firearm may legally possess it outside of the home or business. However, District residents are still PROHIBITED from possessing a firearm that is not legally registered in the District. District law requires proof of registration. (See attached for proof of registration).

These changes **do not** prohibit officers from making arrests for crimes committed with a firearm or seizing weapons used in a criminal act.

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BUREAU HEADS APPROVAL

**Cathy L. Lanier**  
**Chief of Police**

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If one is a non-District resident, legal possession of a handgun in the District is based on the laws of their home state or in the state in which a person has a valid permit to carry. Additional information on the laws in other jurisdictions will be forthcoming. In the mean-time contact the 24- hour information line listed below.

Under District and Federal law, it is **still a crime** for the following individuals to possess a firearm at any time.

- Convicted felon
- Fugitive from Justice
- Anyone under a CPO requiring them to relinquish firearms
- Under 18 years of age

Discharging a firearm on public space continues to be a criminal offense.

**Transportation in an automobile**

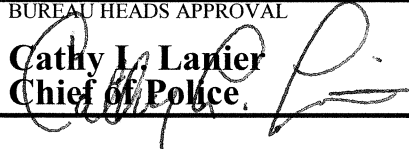
Transporting a firearm within the District of Columbia is not a violation of the law as long as one can legally possess the firearm using the criteria listed above.


**Stops**

Officers need reasonable, articulable, suspicion of a crime in order to conduct a stop of a person in possession of a firearm.

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15. DESCRIPTION OF WANTED PERSON OR MESSAGE  <u><b>Searches and Seizures</b></u>  Probable cause is still required for arrests, searches and seizures.  <u><b>Firearm Possession on Private Property</b></u>  Nothing in this ruling restricts business or property owners from prohibiting possession of firearms on private property. Refusal to comply with a property owners request to leave can result in arrest for Unlawful Entry.  <u><b>Officer Safety</b></u>  We understand that the immediate implementation of this ruling creates safety concerns for our members and our community. We are confident that our members will continue to use their training and experience to exercise caution in every interaction in the course of their duties. Until further action is taken by the courts and or legislature to clarify the legal issues, I am confident that the professionalism and sound judgment of our members will continue to serve the best interest of public safety while respecting individual rights.  <u><b>24 – Hour Guidance</b></u>  Until further notice members having questions about enforcement can contact the CIC on 202-727-9099 to be connected to an on call member of our legal staff.			
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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT | WASHINGTON, DC

**APPLICATION FOR FIREARMS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

\$13 FEE REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

REGISTRATION NUMBER  
12347890  
DATE REGISTERED  
07/28/2014

This application for a Firearms Registration Certificate must be hand-carried to the Metropolitan Police Department, Firearms Registration Section, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 by the purchaser.

The purchaser **MUST**:

1. Be fingerprinted by the Metropolitan Police Department in order to conduct an efficient and adequate investigation into

the matters described in DC Code 7-2502.03 and to effectuate the purposes of this unit.

2. Not be legally blind, as defined in DC Code § 7-1009(l).
3. Demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of the laws in the District of Columbia pertaining to firearms and the safe and responsible use of same.

DEALER'S LICENSE NO.

**No transfer of a firearm between the seller and the purchaser may be made until a reply from the Chief of Police has been received by both parties involved.**

SELLER'S NAME MARYLAND ARMS EXAMPLE				PURCHASER/OWNER'S NAME JOHN DOE EXAMPLE			
STREET ADDRESS 1600 PENNSYLVANIA SE		APT. NO.		STREET ADDRESS 300 INDIANA AVE. NE		APT. NO.	
CITY WASHINGTON, DC		ZIP CODE 20019		CITY WASHINGTON, DC		ZIP CODE 20001	
DESCRIPTION OF FIREARM				DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASER/OWNER			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> USED		MAKE OF WEAPON GLOCK		DATE OF BIRTH 10/10/1910		PLACE OF BIRTH WASHINGTON, DC	
MODEL 19		SERIAL NUMBER 1234567		EMAIL (OPTIONAL, NOT REQUIRED)		RACE BLACK	
MANUFACTURER'S ID NO.		NO. OF SHOTS 10		CALIBER 9MM		SEX M	
NO. OF BARRELS/LENGTH 1 4		FINISH BLACK		TYPE OF ACTION SEMI AUTO		BUSINESS NAME	
IDENTIFYING MARKS				BUSINESS ADDRESS		HOME PHONE NUMBER 202-123-4567	
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PURCHASER/OWNER'S ADDRESSES FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, WITH DATES OF RESIDENCE  
300 INDIANA AVE. NE

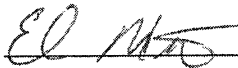
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN DENIED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR ELSEWHERE ANY PISTOL, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN LICENSE OR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE? ☒ NO ☐ YES  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY AND BY WHOM

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY MISHAP INVOLVING A PISTOL, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN? ☒ NO ☐ YES  
IF YES, EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING DATES, PLACES, AND NAMES OF ANY PERSONS INJURED OR KILLED.

GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF WHERE THE FIREARM WILL GENERALLY BE KEPT.

IN CLOSET AT HOME

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT FORBIDDEN BY EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM AND THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY ME ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND DOES NOT KNOWINGLY CONTAIN ANY MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT.

 7/10/2014  
SIGNATURE OF SELLER DATE

 7/28/2014  
SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER/OWNER DATE

The Seller and the Purchaser **MUST SIGN IN THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER.**

**NOTICE**

This application is **VALID for THREE YEARS** as a **FIREARMS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE** only when stamped **"APPROVED"** by the Chief of Police and a **REGISTRATION NUMBER** is affixed thereto.

**THIS IS NOT A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM.**

**EXPIRATION**  
THIS CERTIFICATE  
EXPIRES ON:

07/28/2017

## Firearms Registration Certificate

Issued by METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT | Washington, DC



**John Doe Example**

300 Indiana Ave. NE  
Washington, DC 20001

Expires: 07/29/2017

**NOT A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM.** All firearms must be transported in accordance with Federal and DC Laws.

## Firearms Registration Certificate

Issued by METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT | Washington, DC



Issued to: John Doe Example  
Registration Date: 07/28/2014  
Date Expires: 07/28/2017  
Registration No.: 1234567  
Make: Smith  
Model: 14  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Serial No.: 1234567

**THIS IS NOT A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM.**

All firearms must be transported in accordance with Federal and District of Columbia Laws.