TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

RESOLUTION #67-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF MUNICIPAL PORTION OF HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT FEE UPON SUBMISSION OF RECEIPT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4, applicants for permits to carry a handgun are required to pay an application fee in the amount of $200, of which $150 is paid to the municipality and $50 is paid directly to the Superintendent of the State Police; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston recognizes that the statutory fee structure imposes financial burdens on applicants and wishes to ease that burden for residents by requiring payment of only the portion of the application fee allocated for the Township that is necessary for the administrative costs required to actually process a handgun carry permit application; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the administrative costs required to actually process a handgun carry permit application are approximately $50; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Township sees fit to amend its handgun carry permit application process, to collect only $50 of the portion of the application fee allocated for the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1) Amended handgun carry permit application fee: effective immediately, the Township shall collect only $50 for its portion of the handgun carry permit application fee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.
2) Any applicant who has paid the $150 municipal application fee for a handgun carry permit on or after January 1, 2025, and who submits a valid receipt showing payment, may apply to the Township's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for a refund of $100, representing the portion of the statutory fee paid to the Township under N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4 that is in excess of what the Township requires for its application permitting costs.
3) Procedure: Refunds shall be issued upon applicant's submission to the CFO of (a) proof of payment, and (b) confirmation that the application was processed through the Township of Hardyston.
4) Limitation: This refund policy applies only to the municipal portion of the fee and does not apply to any amounts remitted by the applicant directly to the State of New Jersey or other agencies. Refunds shall be available only for payments made on or after January 1, 2025.
5) Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

6) Administrative Oversight: The Township CFO is hereby authorized to administer this refund program and to require any reasonable documentation necessary to confirm eligibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be made available to the public and posted on the Township website for informational purposes.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2025 and certified as a true copy of an original.

Jane Bakalarczyk, Township Clerk