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IMPORTANT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING FIREARMS APPLICATIONS

Please Read This Entire Document Carefully

If your application is denied, it is usually due to one of several reasons:

- Disqualifying criminal record;
- False answer to any question on the application;
- False answer to any question asked by the licensing officer or his/her designee; and/or
- Criminal information omitted from (or not attached to) the application as requested;
- Not a resident of Dartmouth

All previous detentions, arrest, court appearances, juvenile adjudications, etc. will be accessed and considered to determine the suitability “suitability” of all firearm license applicants. This check will include “sealed records”

After reading this form, you will be asked specific questions regarding your personal background, past criminal history, etc. You must answer all questions fully and truthfully. Failure to do so will result in your application being denied.

In addition, Question #4 on the application asks, “Have you ever appeared in any court as a defendant for any criminal offense (excluding non-criminal traffic offenses)? The key word here is **“appeared”**. This does not mean just following an arrest. You must account for ANY court appearance as a criminal defendant, except for non-criminal traffic offenses. Having been arrested or charged and convicted of a crime does not necessarily prohibit someone from getting a license to carry firearms or an FID card. Not listing the appearance will.

Please note that “ever appeared” includes all adult and juvenile court appearances. It does not matter if you were found “not guilty”, “not delinquent”, if the charges were “dismissed”, or if the case was “continued without a finding”, etc. You must tell us if you have a “sealed” record, but you do not have to disclose what the offense was. The Dartmouth police will receive notification of any “sealed record” disqualifiers from the Commonwealth.

If your application is denied we will not accept any excuse, such as “I forgot about it”, “they told me it would not show up”, or “it never showed up before”, or it was so long ago, I didn’t think it mattered”, etc.

If necessary, you may contact the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board (www.ma.gov/chsb/firearms) to learn how to obtain your Massachusetts criminal record check before you submit your application. If there is any omission or if any false answer is found, your application will be denied, and you may face criminal prosecution.

Date: _____ Printed Name: _____ Signed Name: _____