

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS.IT WILL ONLY PERMIT THE WEALTHY TO AFFORD IT.VERY DISCRIMINATIVE

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Respectfully I request that you Vote No on the fee increases.

This is a back door way of trying to infringe on my 2nd amendment rights after the state lost in Federal Court.

This is egregious and despicable, toward the residents of Westchester County, especially in light of this targeting our lower income communities to prohibit them from being able to defend themselves legally.

The fees are proposed to be increased as follows:

- 1) Application for or renewal of a Pistol License or Semi-auto rifle from \$10.00 to \$175.00
- 2) To amend a restriction of a license: from \$3.00 to \$125.00
- 3) All other amendments from \$3.00 to \$25.00

These increases are for services performed by personnel whose time is already paid for by County residents. No other public services fees are being similarly increased, just gun owners' fees. These are arbitrary fees and target firearm ownership.

Nancy Re 🙏
914-420-9261

Colin,

Good morning and hope you are doing well! I am writing to you as a legal responsible gun owner of Westchester County. I was just made aware of the upcoming public hearing on the proposed increases to the fees that we, legal gun owners, will have to pay to Westchester County to apply, maintain, and add firearms to our county issued permits. For a legal gun owner to go from paying \$10 to \$175 to renew their licenses is an undue burden on the legal gun owner community, that is a 1650% increase in fees! What other county fees are the Board of Legislators looking to increase by that amount?

With the ever growing expenses we have to pay day in and day out, this would be an undue hardship on the legal gun owner community. I ask that you vote NO on these current proposed increases in fees.

Thank you for your consideration!

Regards,

Tom Walsh
260 Buttonwood Avenue
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ATTN: The Hon Vedat Gashi

Dear Mr. Gashi,

Thank you for all the work you do for us, your constituents. I live and work in your district and am asking for your help in voting against the price increases for pistol permit related fees. Although retired from my career, I am a Gunsmith in your district servicing about 300+ customers in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and the Boroughs as well as other areas within the USA. As you know ours is a highly regulated business and I spend more time on the paperwork and keeping my clients informed than I do actually working on firearms. My customers are mostly local, really fine people who appreciate the opportunity they have to shoot, hunt and participate in the shooting sports. The fees proposed are truly egregious and are clearly aimed at gun owners in a way to discourage participation in what they really enjoy. There are no other fees for any other sport/occupation being contemplated and imposing these kind of charges are really an attack on your constituents and do nothing to improve this beautiful County.

Please sir, vote "NO" on the horrible proposal.

Respectfully yours,

Harvey Morgan

Harvey Morgan, Gunsmith, LLC

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Dear Legislator Gashi,

In reference to the proposed fee increase(s) for pistol licenses, I am opposed to this action for the following reasons:

1. This appears to be arbitrary fee increase(s) to a select group of current and future Westchester County residents.
2. The Pistol License renewal period was recently changed from 5 years to 3 years, effectively a 40% license fee increase in and of itself. Please note the % Change column below:

	Current	Proposed	% Change
Application/Renewal	\$10.00	\$175.00	1,650%
Amend Restrictions	\$3.00	\$125.00	4,067%
All Other Amendments	\$3.00	\$25.00	733%

3.
I would ask when, if ever, Westchester County has imposed such burdensome increases in fee changes to its' residents or others (trade licensing, home ownership, etc.)?
4. To my knowledge, adjacent NY counties such as Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess have no comparable fee increase pending. Makes one wonder why us and not them? Could new technologies be used to improve operations while maintaining the high level of professionalism the Pistol Licensing Division provides to our residents?
5. At a time in our nation's history when we are experiencing unparalleled increases in the cost of living leading to pledges from our potential Presidential and Congressional leaders to take steps to decrease them, is it our local elected County leaders' position that they should further burden the residents of our County with higher arbitrary costs?

I appreciate your time and consideration and encourage you to vote "NO" on these proposed fee increases.

Sincerely, Robert Moore
Resident of Somers, NY

Legislator Williams,

I am writing you to oppose the extreme fee increase to renew and amend pistol licenses. This increase in fees will be a burden on those who enjoy recreational target shooting and hunting. Many people who engage in these activities are retired and on a fixed income. Going target shooting or hunting is a way for them to socialize and relax. With this increase they may not be able to afford it.

No other public service fees provided by Westchester County are being similarly increased. A Westchester County Park Pass, a round of golf at Westchester County courses, and the fee to swim at Westchester County pools or beaches has not increased this dramatically.

I think it would be fair to say that almost all crimes involving guns in Westchester County are illegally possessed by repeat criminals. Please ask how many legally owned firearms were used in crimes. This fee increase in my opinion is trying to punish law abiding firearm owners for the actions of criminals.

Please take my opinion of this fee increase into consideration.

Thank You For Your Time,
Mike Novak

Dear Legislature,

Please do not increase the fees for firearm pistol licenses. New York State has just made it cumbersome to possess firearms by mandating classes at roughly \$4-600 each pistol owner. And now Westchester County is attempting to impose higher licensing fees.

In doing so, you are going to open up the County to lawsuits. Remember; New York City just lost in the courts limitations to gun ownership, and now more people own firearms.

The unintended consequences of the Westchester County Board of Legislature could push high courts to rule against pistol permits altogether; since it's unconstitutional to begin with.

Thank you for your considerations.

Loretta Ford

Dear Legislators,

The proposed Resolution 145-2024 is outrageous & discriminatory. I was shocked & dismayed at the extreme lengths you County legislators are willing to go to discourage legal gun ownership. You already skirt the laws by making people wait over a year to even submit their paperwork. You already require more paperwork than is required by state law & more than any other county & the taxpayers already pay for the personnel that process this paperwork. Maybe you should follow Putnam or Dutchess Counties licensing process & streamline your procedures instead of passing the cost of your bureaucracy & incompetency on to gun owners.

By increasing the fees by over 1500% you are discriminating against everyone except the wealthy. You are price gouging & trying to discourage the average taxpayers who want to exercise THEIR RIGHT to protect themselves & their families. What other Right, in the Bill of Rights, do you require a license or fee for? What other licensing fees processed by county employees have you raised over 1500%?

This resolution will prevent the average law abiding citizen from exercising their right to defend themselves & their families from vicious, armed criminals, making them easy prey. Criminals don't apply for permits, obey signs or laws. In fact they love gun control (makes their job safer) & prefer unarmed prey. This resolution will make it easier for criminals to victimize women, the elderly & the innocent by making their right to self defense unaffordable. It's shameful & disturbing that you have no conscience & are willing to do that to your law abiding constituents who are only trying to exercise a RIGHT. If you pass this discriminatory resolution, I'm sure there will be a lawsuits, so please reconsider the consequences to your constituents & the County before you vote.

I want this letter read into the record.

MARILYN MILLER

Dear County Legislator,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the proposed increase in firearm fees.

I am vehemently opposed to this motion. It does not seem fair as no other public services fees are being similarly increased, just gun owners' fees. This appears to be an arbitrary move simply to target firearm ownership.

I am an avid sportsman, member of several shooting clubs and shooting sports has been an enjoyable part of my life.

Additionally, in my off time I am a firearm trainer by the recognized by the county. This proposition will hurt businesses related to the sport.

I kindly urge you to rethink this fee structure to something much more reasonable. On the surface it appears directed at a certain group and that really isn't a positive reflection on the county government. Is it?

Thank you

Gregory F. Maugeri
Irvington, NY

Dear Mr Latimer,

My name is Michael McGuinn and I reside at 16 Clinton Street, Valhalla, NY. I have been a resident of Westchester County for my entire life. I implore you to NOT increase the fees, which amount to an unfair TAX, on gun owners in this county. While gun violence is a very real concern in the US today, the majority of gun violence does not begin with nor involve law abiding, tax paying citizens. Most legitimate gun owners continue to get along in polite society on a daily basis and they are NOT the problem. I believe that the offices and personal are already in place to process application and amendments. This persons are already in the Clerks office and the employ of the county. These increases are not required to pay for the processing. If the New NY Safe Act , which was forced upon us all, by Governor Hochul, has increased the work load of the Clerk office, ask her for relief. This increase is only an attempt to dissuade lawful gun owners to abandon their second amendment rights because you've made the cost of ownership prohibitive.

Respectfully

Michael F McGuinn

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

The current fee structure dates back to 1963 and was last adjusted in 1984. These outdated fees no longer reflect the true cost of processing applications. My understanding is that the County incurs more than \$500 to process a new permit and over \$225 for a renewal, yet applicants are charged just \$10.

As a taxpayer, I find it unreasonable that our County is subsidizing 90-98% of this cost for a small group of residents. Comparatively, the cost for other government services, like a driver's license (\$80-\$100) or vehicle registration (approximately \$200), is far more aligned with the associated expenses.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Amy Stern
Scarsdale, NY

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers. It is my belief that the applicant must pay the full fee. In fact, I'd advocate for a surcharge to finance all of the efforts needed to protect the public from guns in our county.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Ward, Ph.D.
p. 914-315-9880
e. lizward@gmail.com
Zip: 10538

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Sincerely,
Maria Goreth Fidalgo, LCSW
Gun Violence Prevention Advocate

Dear Legislators,

I am writing as an advocate for fiscal responsibility to express my strong support for raising pistol license fees in Westchester County.

The current fee structure is decades old and fails to reflect the County's actual expenses. Processing a new permit costs over \$500, and a renewal costs more than \$225. Yet, applicants pay only \$10. This creates a significant subsidy borne by taxpayers, despite the fact that only a small fraction of residents benefit from this service.

In contrast, fees for other services—like driver's licenses and vehicle registrations—are much more proportionate to their costs. Aligning pistol license fees with actual expenses is a straightforward way to reduce unnecessary subsidies and ensure fairness for all taxpayers.

I urge you to support this long-overdue adjustment.

Sincerely,

Rayna Alperstein
400 High Point Drive
Hartsdale NY 10530

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Sincerely,

Priscilla Silverman
1 City Place
White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Legislators,

As a parent and engaged member of our community, I strongly support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The fees, last updated in 1984, are grossly outdated. With the County spending over \$500 to process a new permit and more than \$225 for a renewal, the \$10 fee covers only a fraction of the cost. This imbalance places an unnecessary financial burden on our County's taxpayers.

Other essential services, such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, charge fees that more closely match their costs. It's only fair that we apply the same principle here. Raising these fees ensures that those who utilize the service bear a reasonable share of the expense, without shifting the burden to families like mine.

Please vote in favor of this measure to support fairness and community well-being.

Thank you.

Richard Fursland

Dear Legislators,

As a parent and engaged member of our community, I strongly support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The fees, last updated in 1984, are grossly outdated. With the County spending over \$500 to process a new permit and more than \$225 for a renewal, the \$10 fee covers only a fraction of the cost. This imbalance places an unnecessary financial burden on our County's taxpayers. Other essential services, such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, charge fees that more closely match their costs. It's only fair that we apply the same principle here. Raising these fees ensures that those who utilize the service bear a reasonable share of the expense, without shifting the burden to families like mine.

Please vote in favor of this measure to support fairness and community well-being.

Many thanks to you for your service to our Westchester community,

Gail Young

White Plains

Gail and Kenny <kjgy52@optonline.net>

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

The current fee structure dates back to 1963 and was last adjusted in 1984. These outdated fees no longer reflect the true cost of processing applications. My understanding is that the County incurs more than \$500 to process a new permit and over \$225 for a renewal, yet applicants are charged just \$10.

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I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Eric De Sena
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

I was informed that the current fee structure dates back to 1963 and was last adjusted in 1984.

These outdated fees no longer reflect the true cost of processing applications. My understanding is that the County incurs more than \$500 to process a new permit and over \$225 for a renewal, yet applicants are charged just \$10.

As a taxpayer, I find it unreasonable that our County is subsidizing 90-98% of this cost for a small group of residents, especially for guns! Comparatively, the cost for other government services, like a driver's license (\$80-\$100) or vehicle registration (approximately \$200), is far more aligned with the associated expenses.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Jamie Goldberg

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Brennan Kachnowski, PT <jbkachnowski@gmail.com>

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I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Karen Dolins
33 Valley Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

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Dr. Karen Reznik Dolins, EdD, RD, CSSD, CDN
Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics
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I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Alan Appel

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Members of the Westchester Board of Legislators,

As someone deeply committed to the responsible use of community resources, I urge you to support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The current fees, unchanged since 1984, are long overdue for an update. For context, in 1984, the median home price in Westchester County was \$100,400, monthly rent for a New York City apartment averaged \$330, and a brand-new Chevy Cavalier—the best-selling car in the U.S. that year—started at \$6,214. At the time, the cost of a pistol license was \$10.

Fast forward to today: \$100,000 homes, \$330 rentals, and \$6,200 cars are relics of the past. Yet, the \$10 pistol license fee remains frozen in time. This fee no longer reflects the County's actual costs, if it ever did. Processing a new pistol license application now exceeds \$500, and renewals cost more than \$225, yet taxpayers are left subsidizing nearly the entire expense for a small group of individuals.

As a volunteer working with survivors of gun violence, I understand the serious consequences of firearm accessibility. Research shows that the presence of a gun in the home increases risks, rather than enhancing safety. County subsidies should prioritize initiatives that improve quality of life for all residents—not disproportionately benefit a narrow segment of the population just because they stomp their feet the loudest.

Raising pistol license fees to align with actual processing costs will free up critical resources for broader community needs and ensure fairness in how County funds are allocated.

I urge you to vote in favor of this important adjustment, which will benefit all Westchester residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barry Graubart

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Barry S. Graubart
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Dear Legislators:

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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This is also a matter of public safety. The County should not make the ownership of guns any easier than it is to drive a car. Both cars and guns have the potential to be used for wayward purposes.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Myra Saul

Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Legislators,

I am writing as an advocate for fiscal responsibility as well as an advocate of gun violence prevention to express my strong support for raising pistol license fees in Westchester County.

The current fee structure is decades old and fails to reflect the County's actual expenses. Processing a new permit costs over \$500, and a renewal costs more than \$225. However, applicants pay only \$10, a significant subsidy borne by taxpayers, despite the fact that only a small fraction of residents benefit from this service.

In contrast, fees for other services—such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations—are much more proportionate to their costs. Aligning pistol license fees with actual expenses is a straightforward way to reduce unnecessary subsidies and ensure fairness for all taxpayers.

I urge you to support this long-overdue adjustment.

Sincerely,

Maggie O'Donovan Bolton
230 Forest Avenue, Rye NY 10580
maggieodb@gmail.com
914-552-1535

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

These wildly outdated fees no longer reflect the true cost of processing applications. My understanding is that the County incurs more than \$500 to process a new permit and over \$225 for a renewal, yet applicants are charged just \$10.

As a taxpayer, I find it unreasonable that our County is subsidizing 90-98% of this cost. Comparatively, the cost for other government services, like a driver's license (\$80-\$100) or vehicle registration (approximately \$200), is far more aligned with the associated expenses.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kunstadter
Bronxville, NY

Westchester Legislators:

I am writing to urge Westchester County legislators to increase the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol licenses.

Surely pistol license fees should be at least as much car registrations or, more sensibly, higher. As a taxpayer, I do not wish to subsidize gun licenses.

Let's be fair to Westchester taxpayers; please support a steep rise in county pistol registration fees.

Sincerely,
Ellen Trost
Concerned Westchester Voter
White Plains

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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Sincerely,

Diane H. Tabakman

White Plains

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application for, or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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As a taxpayer and volunteer with a gun violence prevention group, I find it unreasonable that our County is subsidizing 90-98% of this cost for a small group of residents who are gun licensees. Additionally, I find it unconscionable that, with the current state of gun violence and the fact that gun violence is the number one cause of death for children and teens, we should be almost fully subsidizing people's ownership of guns.

The cost for other government services, like a driver's license (\$80-\$100) or vehicle registration (approximately \$200), is far more aligned with the associated expenses and that seems much more fair and reasonable.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shelli Katz
shelal5@aol.com

> I am writing to express support for the bill to raise pistol license fees, as the costs of processing the license fees are much more than the fees collected. As a taxpayer, I find it unfair that our County is subsidizing this cost for a small group of residents. Please support this increase in fees to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

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> Sincerely,

> Nancy S Cramer

> Chappaqua, NY

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Sincerely,

Evalyn Cohen

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Sincerely,

Jay Mendelson
36 Kenneth Road
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Legislators,

I am writing as an advocate for fiscal responsibility to express my strong support for raising pistol license fees in Westchester County.

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Sincerely,

Dorrie Bernstein

Dear Legislators,

As a parent and engaged member of our community, I strongly support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The fees, last updated in 1984, are grossly outdated. With the County spending over \$500 to process a new permit and more than \$225 for a renewal, the \$10 fee covers only a fraction of the cost. This imbalance places an unnecessary financial burden on our County's taxpayers.

Other essential services, such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, charge fees that more closely match their costs. It's only fair that we apply the same principle here. Raising these fees ensures that those who utilize the service bear a reasonable share of the expense, without shifting the burden to families like mine.

Please vote in favor of this measure to support fairness and community well-being.

Sincerely,
Lesley Findlay

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I urge you to vote in favor of this measure to support fairness, community well-being, and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Michelle Woerner
Briarcliff Manor, NY

Hello!

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

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Sincerely,

Kate Dorsch

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Please vote in favor of this measure to support fairness and community well-being.

Sincerely,
Karen A. Schivley
Eastchester, NY

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for an increase in the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol license in Westchester County.

The current fee structure dates back to 1963 and was last adjusted in 1984. These outdated fees no longer reflect the true cost of processing applications. My understanding is that the County incurs more than \$500 to process a new permit and over \$225 for a renewal, yet applicants are charged just \$10.

As a taxpayer, I find it unreasonable that our County is subsidizing 90-98% of this cost for a small group of residents. Comparatively, the cost for other government services, like a driver's license (\$80-\$100) or vehicle registration (approximately \$200), is far more aligned with the associated expenses.

I urge you to support this adjustment to ensure fairness and fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Alan Appel

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Members of the Westchester Board of Legislators,

As someone deeply committed to the responsible use of community resources, I urge you to support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The current fees, unchanged since 1984, are long overdue for an update. For context, in 1984, the median home price in Westchester County was \$100,400, monthly rent for a New York City apartment averaged \$330, and a brand-new Chevy Cavalier—the best-selling car in the U.S. that year—started at \$6,214. At the time, the cost of a pistol license was \$10.

Fast forward to today: \$100,000 homes, \$330 rentals, and \$6,200 cars are relics of the past. Yet, the \$10 pistol license fee remains frozen in time. This fee no longer reflects the County's actual costs, if it ever did. Processing a new pistol license application now exceeds \$500, and renewals cost more than \$225, yet taxpayers are left subsidizing nearly the entire expense for a small group of individuals.

As a volunteer working with survivors of gun violence, I understand the serious consequences of firearm accessibility. Research shows that the presence of a gun in the home increases risks, rather than enhancing safety. County subsidies should prioritize initiatives that improve quality of life for all residents—not disproportionately benefit a narrow segment of the population just because they stomp their feet the loudest.

Raising pistol license fees to align with actual processing costs will free up critical resources for broader community needs and ensure fairness in how County funds are allocated.

I urge you to vote in favor of this important adjustment, which will benefit all Westchester residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barry Graubart

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This is also a matter of public safety. The County should not make the ownership of guns any easier than it is to drive a car. Both cars and guns have the potential to be used for wayward purposes.

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Myra Saul

Scarsdale, NY 10583

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Sincerely,
Lisa Kunstadter
Bronxville, NY

Dear Legislators,

I am writing as an advocate for fiscal responsibility as well as an advocate of gun violence prevention to express my strong support for raising pistol license fees in Westchester County.

The current fee structure is decades old and fails to reflect the County's actual expenses. Processing a new permit costs over \$500, and a renewal costs more than \$225. However, applicants pay only \$10, a significant subsidy borne by taxpayers, despite the fact that only a small fraction of residents benefit from this service.

In contrast, fees for other services—such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations—are much more proportionate to their costs. Aligning pistol license fees with actual expenses is a straightforward way to reduce unnecessary subsidies and ensure fairness for all taxpayers.

I urge you to support this long-overdue adjustment.

Sincerely,

Maggie O'Donovan Bolton
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Westchester Legislators:

I am writing to urge Westchester County legislators to increase the fees associated with the application or renewal of a pistol licenses.

Surely pistol license fees should be at least as much car registrations or, more sensibly, higher. As a taxpayer, I do not wish to subsidize gun licenses.

Let's be fair to Westchester taxpayers; please support a steep rise in county pistol registration fees.

Sincerely,
Ellen Trost
Concerned Westchester Voter
White Plains

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Diane H. Tabakman

White Plains

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Ossining, NY

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Sincerely,
Rick Lesch
18 Stratford Rd, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Legislators,

As a resident & parent in Westchester County (Mamaroneck), I strongly support raising the fees for pistol licenses.

The 40-year old fee structure does not cover the cost, and does not reflect the serious responsibility owning a pistol represents. Taxpayers cover 98% of the total costs the County spends (\$10 fee vs \$500 cost to the County to process a new permit), which substantially shifts burden from the licensee to the community at large.

Other essential licensed services (e.g., driver's licenses) charge fees more aligned to administrative costs. It's only fair that we apply the same principle here. Raising these fees ensures that those who use the service bear a reasonable expense without shifting the burden to families like mine.

Please vote in favor of this measure to support fairness and community well-being.

Sincerely,
Vijay Renganathan

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Sincerely,
Patrick O'Neill
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Dear Legislators,

As a parent and engaged member of our community, I strongly support raising the fees for pistol licenses in Westchester County.

The fees, last updated in 1984, are grossly outdated. With the County spending over \$500 to process a new permit and more than \$225 for a renewal, the \$10 fee covers only a fraction of the cost. This imbalance places an unnecessary financial burden on our County's taxpayers.

Other essential services, such as driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, charge fees that more closely match their costs. It's only fair that we apply the same principle here. Raising these fees ensures that those who utilize the service bear a reasonable share of the expense, without shifting the burden to families like mine.

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Sincerely,
Robert Gould

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The County should not be subsidizing this cost. The cost for other government services, like a driver's license or vehicle registration, is far more aligned with the associated expenses.

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Thank you,
Deborah Maher

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Sincerely,
Tara Hansen

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Alexis Gevanter