

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROCEDURE FOR PRECIOUS METALS PERMIT

1. Application for license must be notarized prior to submission.
2. **\$10.00** fee (payable by cash or check made out to Town of Farmington) to be paid at time of application, and there is a \$10.00 annual renewal fee.
3. FBI and State Fingerprint cards (done at the Farmington Police Department, if preferred) must be mailed to DESPP for clearance:

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Division of State Police - Special Licensing
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457-2389

There is a **\$13.25** processing fee charged by the FBI for this service and a **\$75.00** fee charged by the State. Two Postal Money Orders or Certified Bank Checks made payable to Treasurer State of CT must be submitted at the time you are fingerprinted for this permit.

4. Pursuant to Section 21-1 00 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chief of Police, in his sole discretion, may issue a license. No license shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of a felony. A license shall be revocable "for cause." All pay outs for purchases are by check or money order and the check cannot be cashed by the licensee business or on the premises.
5. REQUIREMENTS:
 - Date and time item purchased must be recorded. Purchased items must be held intact for a minimum of fourteen (14) days.
 - Price paid for purchased item.
 - Positive identification of the person involved in each transaction, including the name and address of the person selling the goods must be included and a photocopy of a valid driver's license or similar proof of his or her identity along with a photocopy of the item purchased.
 - Submit all information electronically to police upon request from the Farmington Police Department or any employee or agent thereof, and must be submitted to the department on a weekly basis in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - All employees are subject to a criminal records check.
 - Name all principals in business.
 - Specify all storage areas for the business, which shall be open for random inspections, including but not limited to those by the Farmington Police Department.

PURCHASERS OF PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

Sec. 12, Section 21 -100 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(a) No person may engage in or carry on the business of purchasing gold or gold-plated ware, silver or silver-plated ware, platinum ware, watches, jewelry, precious stones, bullion or Coins unless such person is licensed by the licensing authority of the municipality in which such person intends to carry on such business; except that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the purchase of such items from a wholesaler by a manufacturer or retail seller whose primary place of business is located in this state. Such person shall pay an annual fee of ten dollars for such license. The license may be revocable for cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, failure to comply with any requirements specified by the licensing authority at the time of issuance. The licensing authority shall refuse to issue a license under this subsection to a person who has been convicted of a felony and may require any applicant for a license to submit to state and national criminal history records checks. If the licensing authority requires such criminal history records checks, such checks shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. For the purposes of this subsection "wholesaler" means a person in the business of selling tangible personal property to be resold at retail, or raw materials to be manufactured into suitable forms for use by consumers.

(b) Any person who willfully engages in the business of a precious metals or stones dealer, unless licensed in accordance with this section or after notice that such person's license has been suspended or revoked, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

(c) Each such licensee shall keep a record in which such licensee shall note at the time of each transaction a description of the property purchased and the price paid for them, the name and address of the person selling the goods and the date and hour any such property was received. Each such licensee shall demand positive identification from the person selling the article and the type or form of identification received shall be noted in the record. Any state police officer or municipal police officer shall have access to the record required to be kept under this section and may inspect the place where the business is carried on as well as any goods purchased or received. The licensee shall maintain a place of business within this state, at which the goods purchased or received and the required records shall be available for such inspection.

(d) No licensee may purchase any property from a minor unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

(e) Each such licensee may only pay for property received by check or money order and no cash shall be transferred to either party in the course of a transaction subject to the provisions of this section. Any licensee who pays cash or cashes a check or money order shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. No licensee may advertise that he or she will pay for property received with cash.

(f) At the time of making any purchase each licensee shall deliver to the person selling property a receipt containing the information required to be recorded in subsection (c) of this section, the amount paid for any property sold and the name and address of the purchaser.

(g) Upon request of the licensing authority each such licensee shall make a weekly sworn statement, describing the goods received and setting forth the name and address of each person from whom goods were purchased, to the licensing authority of each municipality in which the licensee transacted business that week. Such sworn statement shall not be deemed public record for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

(h) Any person who violates any provision of this section, for which no other penalty is provided, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.