



WILL ROBERTS TAX COLLECTOR

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Editor's note: This week Volusia County Tax Collector staff received training from the State of Florida to enable the tax collector to process concealed weapon license applications and renewals for the first time in Volusia County. Practicing fingerprinting are, from left: Darlene Gilreath and MacKanziee Efird.

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Concealed weapon license applications to be accepted in Volusia County beginning March 16



DeLand, Fla. – Citizens in Volusia County no longer need to leave the county for assistance in filing an application for a concealed weapon license or renewing a current license. The Office of Will Roberts – Tax Collector will begin the service by appointment March 16.

“Beginning Wednesday, citizens will be able to complete the application and have their photo and fingerprints taken in one location here in Volusia County,” said Will Roberts, Volusia County Tax Collector. “This will decrease the amount of time applicants spend compiling all of these elements or traveling to another county to get them completed.”

The new service will only be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the DeLand office, 123 W. Indiana Avenue room 103. Appointments will be required and can be made online at vctaxcollector.org/appt.

For decades, applicants have not been able to submit an application in Volusia County, Roberts explained. The State only allows elected tax collectors to provide the service. Until 2021, Volusia County did not have an elected tax collector.

Not only was this an inconvenience for customers, but the fees associated with the applications were leaving the county, Roberts added. Once he took office in January 2021, Roberts immediately began working with the State to begin offering this service.

Per State statute, tax collectors may charge fees to cover the costs associated with providing the service. Those dollars will now stay within Volusia County.

“At the end of the fiscal year, remaining tax collector revenues are returned to the county’s taxing authorities,” Roberts said. “Rather than funding another county’s services, those dollars will now stay in Volusia County to assist in providing public services. Retaining the revenue and providing convenience to our citizens is a win-win for everyone.”

The application process for a Florida concealed weapon and firearms license begins by making an appointment online. To complete the in-office application, applicants need state-issued photo identification and a copy of a training document or certificate that confirms proficiency with a firearm. Citizenship status is required from people born outside the United States and permanent legal resident aliens, per State requirements. Applicants with a history of arrest must provide certified copies that reflect the final disposition of the charge(s).

Volusia County Tax Collector staff will instruct applicants on using the office computer to complete the State application. Staff will review the application, take fingerprints and the photo for the license and submit the entire application packet electronically to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). FDACS will process the application and issue the concealed weapon license via mail.

The process at the Office of the Tax Collector is expected to take less than one hour. Then FDACS has up to 90 days to process applications once received, per State statute. Applicants may check the status of their application online through the [FDACS website](#) or by calling 850-245-5691.

Information on applying for a concealed weapon license, including frequently asked questions and fees, are online at vctaxcollector.org/cw.

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