

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**GARY PATRICK STERR, individually and on)
behalf of all others similarly situated,)**

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Case No. 15-L-

**JESSICA TRAME, in her official capacity as)
Chief of the Firearms Services Bureau, and)
MICHAEL W. BRERICHS, in his official)
capacity as Treasurer of the State of Illinois,)**

Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

Comes now Gary Patrick Sterr, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, Thomas G. Maag and the Maag Law Firm, LLC, and for his cause of action, states as follows:

1. At all times relevant, Plaintiff Gary Patrick Sterr (“Sterr”) is a citizen and resident of Wood River, Madison County, Illinois.
2. At all times relevant, Defendant Jessica Trame (“Trame”) is the Chief of the Illinois Firearms Services Bureau, and is sued in her official capacity.
3. At all times relevant, Defendant Michael W. Frerichs (“Frerichs”) is the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, and is sued in his official capacity.
4. In order to lawfully possess a firearm in Illinois, it is generally required to have in a person’s possession a currently valid Firearms Owners Identification Card (“FOID”).
5. Per 430 ILCS 65/5

“The Department of State Police shall either approve or deny all applications within 30 days from the date they are received, and every applicant found qualified under Section 8 of this Act by the Department **shall be entitled to a Firearm Owner's Identification Card upon the payment of a \$10 fee.** Any applicant who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of the Reserve Forces of the United States is exempt from the application fee. \$6 of each fee derived from the issuance of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards, or renewals thereof, shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund in the State Treasury; \$1 of the fee shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and \$3 of the fee shall be deposited in the State Police Firearm Services Fund.”

Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13.) (bold added).

6. On October 6, 2015, Plaintiff Sterr filed an application for a FOID card, and was charged \$11.00. See Ex. A.
7. That the different in the charge mandated by statute (\$10.00) and the fee actually charged (\$11.00) is a \$1.00 charge for the Illinois E-pay program.
8. That the Illinois E-pay program is a program administered by the Illinois Treasurer. (Ex. D).
9. That per the Illinois Treasurer, “[w]e build web pages specific to your payment types and collection requirements. It is easy to guide your Customers through the payment process. Right up front we notify your Customers that a convenience fee will be charged allowed them to opt out if they don’t want to pay our payment processing vendor fee.” (Ex. F”)

10. However, unlike the typical E-pay website set up by the Illinois Treasurer, the FOID application website does not notify its Customers that a convenience fee will be charged allowed them to opt out if they don't want to pay our payment processing vendor fee.
11. In fact, it is impossible to apply for an Illinois State FOID card (excluding the limited category of no charge FOID cards) without payment of the \$1.00 service charge or "convenience fee," as sometime in early 2015, the Firearms Services Bureau stopped accepting paper applications that allowed an applicant to simply mail in a check or money order, and thereby, only pay the \$10.00 fee mandated by statute.
12. In fact, the \$10.00 fee mandated by statute is so specific, that it is broken down into exactly who gets each of those \$10.00, and for what purposes. Nowhere in the FOID statute is any authorization to charge more than \$10.00, or to charge a "service fee" or "convenience fee."
13. That the \$1.00 fee is not even imposed to reimburse for use of credit cards, as even using an electronic check imposes the excess \$1.00 fee.
14. That by imposing a \$1.00 "service charge" or "convenience fee" surcharge for applying online, and at the same time ending traditional mail in paper applications, Defendant Trame is unilaterally imposing, without statutory or other lawful authority, a ten percent surcharge on FOID cards.
15. That Section 2-801 of the Code of Civil Procedure sets forth the elements necessary for the maintenance of a class action, all of which are met in this case.
16. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable as Defendants have charged a minimum of ten thousand people this \$1.00 FOID "service charge", and possibly substantially more, well into the hundreds of thousands or millions of class

members. For instance, in 2011, more than 321,000 FOID applications were received by Defendants.


17. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which common questions predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, specifically, whether the \$1.00 FOID surcharge is legal, and if not, what are the damages.
18. The representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the class.
19. The class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
20. That Plaintiff proposes the following class be certified:

All persons who applied for a FOID card at any time in 2015, through and including the date of final judgment, and paid a fee in excess of \$10.00 for said FOID card.
21. That Plaintiff proposes that Gary Patrick Sterr be appointed class representative, and that Thomas G. Maag and the Maag Law Firm, LLC, be appointed class counsel.
22. That Plaintiff Sterr, and each member of the Plaintiff class was compelled to pay money to Defendants, as heretofore alleged.
23. That Defendants had no legal right to demand money, specifically the \$1.00 service charge as heretofore alleged.
24. That payment was necessary in order to avoid an injury to Plaintiff's, and the Plaintiff classes' business, person, or property.
25. As a proximate cause of the foregoing, Plaintiff Sterr has been personally injured in the amount of \$1.00, and the Plaintiff class has been damaged in an amount well in excess of \$50,000.00.

Wherefore, Plaintiff and the Plaintiff class Humbly request that this Honorable Court enter judgment in Plaintiffs favor, in an amount in excess of \$50,000.00, plus costs of suit, that this Court certify the foregoing class, appointing Gary Patrick Sterr as class representative, and Thomas G. Maag and the Maag Law Firm, LLC, a class counsel, plus an award of attorney fees and costs, and such other, further and different relief as is allowed by law.

Dated: 10-14-17

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary P. Sterr

By:  _____

Thomas G. Maag #6272640
Maag Law Firm, LLC
22 West Lorena Avenue
Wood River, IL 62095

Phone: 618-216-5291

AFFIDAVIT OF CASE VALUE

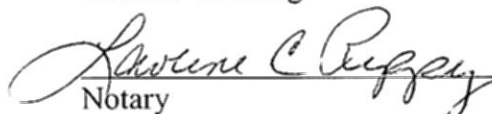
The undersigned hereby certifies that the above case has a value reasonably in excess of \$50,000.00, exclusive of costs and interest.

Date: 10-14-15



Thomas G. Maag

Dated: 10/14/2015



Notary



Your Application has been successfully submitted

Thank you for using the online portal for submitting your FOID application. The Illinois State Police will process your application within 30 days pending all information is accurate and meets state requirements.

Applicant: STERR, GARY PATRICK
Date Submitted: 10/6/2015
Amount: \$11.00
Payment Confirmation: **edb35c4d-3e89-4e49-b3e3-e9553ed49f64**

Note: We will notify you via the email address you provided about status changes or to request additional information.

 [home](#)

Ex "A"

The screenshot shows the Illinois State Police website homepage. The header includes the Illinois State Police logo and the motto 'Integrity Service Pride'. The main content area features several news articles, including 'ISP District 2 Donates Gift Basket To Support Chicagoand Children Battling Brain Cancer' and 'ISP Troopers Brave the Cold to Volunteer at Winter Special Olympics'. A sidebar on the right contains various utility links, with a red circle highlighting the 'Agency Features' section. The sidebar also includes links for 'Missing Illinois Sex Offenders', 'MURDER - Illinois Sex Offenders', 'CITIZEN SURVEY', and 'MEDICAID FRAUD'.

Firearms Services Bureau Home Page

The screenshot shows the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau homepage. The header includes the Illinois State Police logo and the motto 'Integrity Service Pride'. The main content area features several service links, including 'FOID Card', 'Concealed Carry License (CCL)', 'Licensed Firearms Dealers', 'Concealed Carry License Instructor Certification', and 'Concealed Carry License Objection Portal Access'. A sidebar on the left contains various utility links, with a red circle highlighting the 'FOID Card' section. The sidebar also includes links for 'Home', 'FOID Information', 'CCL Information', 'CCL Instructor Information', 'Firearms Dealer', 'Clear & Present Danger', 'Firearm Transfers', 'Gun Show Information', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Unlawful Use of Weapons', 'Firearm Projectiles Prohibited & Sentences Imposed by Illinois', 'Municipal Ordinances', and 'Live Scan Locations'.

Ex B

New User Registration



- Home
- FOID Information
- CCL Information
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- Municipal Ordinances
- Live Scan Locations

Returning Applicants or Licensees Sign In

Notice: Our Sign In Requirements have changed!
The Illinois Digital ID is no longer valid on this site. [Register Now](#) for an Illinois State Police User ID.

New User?
[Register Now](#)

Secure Sign In

User ID
|
Password
Last name:
Date of Birth

By clicking the Sign In button below, you agree to our [Terms](#) [Use](#).

[Forgot Password](#)

Attention Current CCL Holders
Because Illinois Digital ID is no longer being used, CCL holders who obtained a CCL prior to March 16, 2015 will need to register as a new user before they can use Secure Sign In.

We welcome feedback. Submit comments and suggestions to the [site administrator](#).

Note: After user registration has been completed, all future access will be obtained using Secure Sign In.

User Registration- Step 1

User Registration Step 1 of 3

About You

Last name Date of Birth

Account and Login Setup

User ID

Email Address

New Password

Confirm Password

Security Question 1:

Answer - Security 1:

Security Question 2:

Answer - Security 2:

Security Question 3:

Answer - Security 3:

Security Question 4:

Answer - Security 4:

Guidance

1. Create a User ID.
2. Enter your email address.
3. Create a password.
4. Select and answer four security questions.
5. Enter the security code to advance.

Enter the Security Code Displayed



Type the text



[Privacy & Terms](#)

User Registration- Step 2

User Registration Step 2 of 3

About You

Proper Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix	Maiden Last Name
Doe	John	T		

Date of Birth
01/01/1960

Primary Phone #
555-555-5555

Driver's License or State Identification

ID State	ID Type	ID Number
Iowa	Driver's License	D12345678965

Guidance

1. Complete the remainder of your name.
2. Confirm your date of birth.
3. Add your primary telephone number.
4. Select ID state, ID type, and ID number.
5. Enter weight as displayed on State DL or ID card. (Weight must match DL or ID card exactly.)
6. Indicate whether you have ever had a FOID card.
7. If applicable, enter existing/previous FOID card number (Used to validate user if already in the system.)

Weight as displayed on your Drivers License
165 (This is used for verification purposes only)

Note: This box will appear after you select ID State.

Existing Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID)

Required: If have or have had an Illinois State FOID card, enter your FOID number below.

Yes No Do you have or have you ever had a FOID card?

Cancel

Next

User Registration- Step 3



User Registration Step 3 of 3

Your Registration Information

Name: Doe, Joseph
Driver's License: D12345678965
Date of Birth: 1/1/1960
FOID #: none
[Edit](#)

Personal Declaration and Signature

Under penalties of perjury, I do hereby solemnly affirm and attest that all information provided by myself in this registration are true and accurate.

After reading the declaration above, please enter your Password below and click the I Agree button below.

Password

[I Agree](#)

Guidance

1. If you selected "No FOID," you have completed the registration process and must re-enter your password to proceed to the FOID application pages.
2. If you selected "Yes FOID," and entered a FOID number, the name and address of that FOID card holder will appear in a popup "Match Confirmation" box.
3. You will see the name and address of a potential match.
4. If this is your information, select "Yes, same person." If this is not your information, select "No, not the same."
 - a. If "Yes" is selected, you will proceed to the application pages.
 - b. If "No" is selected, you will receive notice that your identity requires further action by the Illinois State Police.

Match Confirmation

Existing Record Identified as Yours

Joseph Doe
1234 Main St
CENTRALIA, IL 62801

Is this your information?

Yes, same person

No, not the same

Attention Out-of-State Residents


If you are not an Illinois resident, you may apply for a FOID card ONLY if either of the following conditions apply:

1. You are employed in Illinois and are required to carry a firearm in the course of your employment.

OR

2. You are an active duty military member and you are permanently stationed in Illinois.

FOID Application

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To begin, enter preliminary information

Progress: 9%

Your State of Residence

Illinois ▼

What are you applying for?

Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID)

Yes No Are you eligible for a military fee exemption?

Concealed Carry License

Guidance

1. Select state of residence.
2. Select FOID card only.
3. Answer yes or no to, "Are you eligible for a military fee exemption?"
 - a. If yes, military information will be required on the next page.
 - b. If no, and you are an out-of-state resident, employment information will be also be required.

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FOID Application- Military Fee Exemption (Illinois Resident)

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Progress: 9%

To begin, enter preliminary information

Your State of Residence
Illinois

Note: Military members who are Illinois residents are required to upload a copy of their military ID.

Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID)

Yes No Are you eligible for a military fee exemption?

You must be an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of the Reserve Forces of the United States and a permanent resident of Illinois or be serving under with permanent station orders in Illinois to receive the exemption from the application fee.

Please upload your military identification below:

+ Add File...

Note: Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

Concealed Carry License

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FOID Application- Military Fee Exemption (Out-of State Resident)



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Now, let's collect your address information

Progress: 9%

Military Base

Military Base Address

Street

Apt/Bldg = Country

{United States Of America (USA)}

Zip/Postal Code State

{Illinois}

City/Town

County

You must be an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of the Reserve Forces of the United States and a permanent resident of Illinois or be serving under with permanent station orders in Illinois to receive the exemption from the application fee. Please upload your military identification and permanent station orders below:

+ Add File...

Note: Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

You must download, complete and upload the following Out of State document:

+ Add File...

Note: Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

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Note: Military members who are out-of-state residents must upload a copy of their military ID, permanent station orders, and an out-of-state affidavit.

FOID Application – Employment Purposes (Out-of State Resident)

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Now, let's collect your address information

Progress: 9%

Employer's Name

Employer's Address

Street

Apt/Bldg #

Country

United States Of America (USA)

Zip/Postal Code

State

City/Town

County

Illinois

For out-of-state residents applying for a FOID card, an authorized representative of your employer must sign the [Employment Requirement Certification](#) document, affirming your employment as law enforcement or as an armed security officer.

Please upload the completed and signed document below:

+ Add File...

Note: Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

You must download, complete and upload the following [Out of State document](#).

+ Add File...

Note: Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

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Note: Out-of-state residents who require a FOID card for employment purposes must upload **both** of the following documents:

1. Employment Requirement Certification Document
2. Out-of-State Affidavit

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Before we begin, please agree to the following:

Progress: 18%

Firearm Owner's Identification Card Warning: This application is governed by the Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card Act and must be completed by the applicant or his/her parent or legal guardian in its entirety, or it will be denied. **Entering false information on an application for a FOID Card is punishable as a Class 2 felony in accordance with Section 14(d-5) of the FOID Card Act.** This application and the information contained herein may be provided to third parties with whom the Illinois State Police (ISP) has contracted in order to complete the processing of my FOID card application. In such cases, however, the ISP requires the companies acting on our behalf abide by all state and federal laws and our privacy policies and institute safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your information.

I agree to the terms above

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Now, we'll collect some preliminary questions

Progress: 27%

Date of Birth

August 4 1967

Note: Confirm your date of birth. This information cannot be changed, as it corresponds to the information you provided during user registration.

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Now, we'll collect identification numbers

Progress: 36%

Please enter the last 4-digits of your Social Security Number:

Yes No

Are you a US Citizen?

Note: If you are not a US Citizen, you are required to provide additional information on the next screen.

Yes No

Do you have a valid Driver's License or Identification Card?

You must have a valid and active driver's license or state identification to submit an application for a FOID and/or concealed carry license.

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FOID Application (Non-US Citizens)

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Now, we'll collect identification numbers

Progress: 36%

Please enter the last 4-digits of your Social Security Number:

Yes No Are you a US Citizen?

Country of Citizenship:

Enter your Alien Registration Number (ARN) or I-94 Number and Exception Document Type below:

ARN I-94

Yes No Do you have a valid Driver's License or Identification Card?

ID State

Illinois

ID Type

Driver's License

ID Number

012845678999

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Next, verify & complete the following information

Progress: 45%

Proper Name

Last: Doe First: Jane Middle: E Suffix: Maiden Last Name:

List all Previous Names

Last: First: Middle: Suffix:

[Add Previous Name](#)

Place of Birth

Country: United States of America (USA) State:

Personal Information

Gender: Female Race: White

Height: 5' 6" Weight: 160 Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Brown

Contact Information

Type: Cell Phone Number: Primary Phone: Email (required for e-notifications): janedoe1@noreply.com

[Add Phone](#) Confirm Email: (required for e-notifications):

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Now, let's collect your address information

Progress: 55%

Current Address Note: Your physical address is required for the application.

Street Address	Apt/Bldg #	Country
123 Main St		United States Of America (USA) ▼
Zip/Postal Code	State	City/Town County
60714	Illinois	Niles Cook

Mailing Address (Same as Current Address)

Note: If your mailing address is different than your current address, please uncheck the box and add your mailing address.

Street/POBox/Rural Route	Apt/Bldg #	Country
		United States Of America (USA) ▼
Zip/Postal Code	State	City/Town County

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Next, we'll ask Criminal History questions

Progress: 64%

- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction?
- Yes No Within the past 5 years (preceding the date of this application), have you been convicted of a battery, assault, aggravated assault, violation of an order of protection, or a substantially similar offense in which a firearm was used or possessed?
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of domestic battery (felony or misdemeanor), aggravated domestic battery or a substantially similar offense?
- Yes No Have you ever been adjudicated a delinquent minor for the commission of an offense that if committed by an adult would be a felony?
- Yes No Are you currently the subject of an existing Order of Protection or No Contact/No Stalking Order?
- Yes No Within the previous year, have you failed a drug test for a drug for which you did not have a prescription?
- Yes No Within the past year (preceding the date of this application), have you used or been addicted to any controlled substance or narcotics in violation of state or federal law?
- Yes No Are you a medical marijuana patient registry card holder?
- Yes No Within the past 5 years (preceding the date of this application), have you been a patient in a mental institution or any part of a medical facility for the treatment of mental illness?
- Yes No Have you ever been adjudicated by a court as a mental defective or ordered by a court, board or authorized entity to an in-patient or out-patient mental health?
- Yes No Are you intellectually or developmentally disabled?
- Yes No Are you an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States under the laws of the United States?
- Yes No Have you been admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa of the Immigration and Nationality Act?
- Yes No Have you ever renounced your citizenship as a citizen of the United States?
- Yes No Have you ever been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?
- Yes No Are you a fugitive from justice?

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Next, upload your Photo

Progress: 82%

Photo Requirements:

Photo Required

- Full color photo of a good likeness of you, no digital alterations
- Photo must be taken within the last thirty (30) days
- Facial view from shoulders up, properly centered and in focus
- Eyes open, mouth closed, neutral expression
- Background must be a light solid color
- No hats, sunglasses or other accessories that obscure your face



If your photo does not meet these requirements, your application will be delayed and you will be required to resubmit.

Accepted file types: JPG, PNG, and GIF. Max file size: 5.0 MB

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janedoe1 Sign Out

Please electronically sign and make payment

Progress: 91%

Signature Certification: I have personally completed this Firearm Owner's Identification Card Application. By electronically signing this application, I authorize the Illinois State Police to verify my answers and affirmatively request that any person or government or private entity authorized to hold records relevant to this application, including but not limited to those pertaining to my citizenship, criminal history and mental health treatment or history, to release such records or confirm information therein to the Illinois State Police. Under penalties of perjury, I certify I have examined all the information provided for my application or renewal and, to the best of my knowledge, it is true, correct, and complete.

Warning: Entering false information on an application for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card is punishable as a Class 2 felony in accordance with subsection (d-5) of Section 14 of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act.

After reading the declaration above, please enter your Password and click SIGN AND PAY to complete and make payment.

Login Id: janedoe1
Password:

[Sign & Pay](#)

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Billing Information

Please enter your Billing Instructions here

Billing Contact

Jane Doe
janedoe1@noreply.com
555-555-5555

Billing Address

123 Main St
60714 Illinois
Niles

CONTINUE

Payment Information

Review & Submit



FOID Application (Payment Processing, Page 2 of 3)

Billing Information

EDIT

Billing Contact

Jane Doe
janedoe1@noreply.com
555-555-5555

Billing Address

123 Main St
Niles
IL 60714

Payment Information

Please enter your Payment Instructions here

Credit Card | Electronic Check

Please fill in the green fields below

Card Number
Card Holder Name
Expires 2 - Feb 2015
CVV

Note: Service fees will be applied.
(Credit Card= 2.35%, Electronic Check= \$1.00)

Single payment

Payment Amount: 10.00
Total: 10.00

CONTINUE

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Billing Information

 EDIT

Billing Contact

Jane Doe
janedoe1@noreply.com
555-555-5555

Billing Address

123 Main St
Niles
IL 60714

Payment Information

 EDIT



*****1111

Payment Amount: \$10.00

Review & Submit

I authorize my account to be charged in accordance to the following Terms and Conditions for the payment(s) indicated above.

SUBMIT PAYMENT

 PAYMENTS GATEWAY
PCI Certified Secure

FOID Application



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Your Application has been successfully submitted

Thank you for using the online portal for submitting your FOID application. The Illinois State Police will process your application within 30 days pending all information is accurate and meets state requirements.

Applicant:

Date Submitted: 2/12/2015

Amount: \$10.00

Payment Confirmation: **d32df9de-642c-4e88-8fa2-7caea742fc02**

Note: We will notify you via the email address you provided about status changes or to request additional information.

[Print](#)

[home](#)

Note: Print this receipt for FOID payment and click "home" to access your application summary/home page.



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janedoe1

Sign Out

Created 2/12/2015

Application Summary

Doe Jane E
123 Main St
Niles, IL 60714
Cook County

Phone: 555-555-5555

Email: janedoe1@noreply.com

Engagement ICN: Not specified

Note: Your FOID application is complete. Please click "sign out" to log out of your account.

Your Firearm Owners Identification Card

Status: **Under Review** Expiration: - Number: **1510055731**

Follow Order Replacement

Note: Using secure sign in, you may login to your application dashboard at any time to check the status of your application.

Your Concealed Carry License

Status: **Not on File** Expiration: - Number: -

Apply Order Replacement

Your Instructor Certification

Status: **Not on File** Expiration: - CCT ID: -



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Frequently Asked Questions

DISCLAIMER: Answers provided to the following questions are meant only to give general guidance. The answers do not and are not meant to replace statutory language.

If you have a question regarding the Firearm Owner's Identification Card or the Firearm Concealed Carry Act that is not addressed in these sections, please call (217) 782-7980.

FOID Frequently Asked Questions

1. Overview of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card

- What is a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card?
- Who needs a FOID Card?
- Are there exemptions to the requirement of a FOID Card?

2. The Application Process

How do I apply for a FOID Card?
 State of Illinois residents may apply for a FOID card by visiting the ISP website at www.isp.state.il.us and clicking on the following button under Agency Features. The following presentation provides a quick overview of the FOID Application Process.

[FOID Application Overview](#)

What if I do not have a computer, is there a paper application?

Individuals that do not have access to a

We welcome feedback. Submit comments and suggestions to the [CCL site administrator](#) [FOID site administrator](#).



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through an alternative call-in method. Applicants may call the ISP at 217-782-7980 and a call-taker will complete your application over the phone, including payment in the form of a credit card, debit card or electronic check. Upon payment, the application will be mailed to you. Upon receipt, you will need to answer some criminal history questions, attach a photograph and sign the application. Applicants will need to return the application back to the Firearms Services Bureau for final processing.

What is the cost of a FOID Card?

A FOID application costs \$10.00. The Illinois State Police uses the state of Illinois E-Pay program. A service fee of 2.35% or a minimum of \$1.00 for credit cards or \$1.00 for an electronic check will be applied.

How long is the FOID Card valid?

What do I need to complete my application?

When should I expect to receive my FOID Card?

What are the photo requirements for the FOID Card?

What if I am Amish. Can I apply for a FOID Card without a photo?

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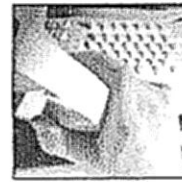
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In Re: Unlawful Charge

Dears Sirs,

Please be advised that this office represents Gary Sterr, who recently applied for a FOID Card. Under Illinois law, a FOID card is supposed to cost \$10.00 for 10 years. Do to recent "improvements", it is impossible for average citizens to simply mail in an application and a \$10.00 check, it is mandatory that they apply "online". It is impossible to apply online and pay only the \$10.00 FOID fee, an additional \$1.00 "service charge" is added on. It is the position of Mr. Sterr and this office that this additional \$1.00 "service charge" is unlawful.

Accordingly, Mr. Sterr, on behalf of himself, and all other FOID and Concealed Carry License applicants who have been forced to pay this \$1.00 service charge, hereby put you on notice that they challenge it, and hereby demand its immediate refund.

Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Maag

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