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## Englishtown Becomes the First Town to Eliminate Exorbitant, Discriminatory, and Unconstitutional Permitting Fees

**Atlantic Highlands, NJ June 12, 2025** ---- On June 11th, the Borough of Englishtown in Monmouth County passed Resolution 2025-101, which allows applicants for permits to carry a pistol to receive a full refund of the \$150 municipal portion of the statutory \$200 fee. Appearing before the Mayor and Council on behalf of its members, NJFOS Director Joe LoPorto said in open testimony that, “We would never hide other core constitutional rights, like the right to free speech, the right to assemble, the right to freely exercise religion, behind a massive paywall. And we all know that policy would have a significantly disparate impact and deleterious effects on BIPOC communities.”

The New Jersey Legislature enacted [N.J. P.L. 2022, Chapter 131](#), not out of concern for public safety, but as a petulant retaliation against a Supreme Court that restored rights for millions of Americans. Imposing massive fee increases on these rights has no public policy objective other than to limit the access of the poor to a core constitutional right, and by inevitable extension, that has a disparate impact on classes of New Jerseyans based on race and ethnicity.

In support of this initiative in Englishtown, both NJFOS and Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, submitted letters in support of the resolution (NJFOS letter available [HERE](#); CCRKBA letter available [HERE](#)).

Individual members of NJFOS participated in the hearing to voice their support for this initiative. We applaud Mayor Daniel Francisco and the Council for the Borough of Englishtown for sending the very clear message that core constitutional rights, including the fundamental right to keep and bear arms, belong to *all peaceable people*, not just those who can afford to exercise them.

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