

**CHICAGO CONCEALED  
WEAPONS LAW (1881)**

**CHICAGO ILLINOIS CODE  
ARTICLE XIV, § 1215 - 1223**

1221. The mayor may grant to so many and such persons as he may think proper licenses to carry concealed weapons, and may revoke any and all of such licenses at his pleasure.

1222. Applications for such licenses shall be made to the mayor, and when granted, the person applying therefor shall pay to the city collector the sum of two dollars, and thereupon a license shall be issued by the city clerk, and signed by the mayor.

1223. Every such license shall state the name, age, occupation and residence of the person to whom it is granted, and shall expire on the thirtieth day of April next following.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### *Dogs.*

1224. Hereafter, it shall not be lawful to permit any dog to go abroad loose, or at large, in any of the public streets, avenues, alleys, parks, or places within the corporate limits of the city of Chicago, under a penalty of five dollars for each offense, to be recovered against the owner, possessor, or person who knowingly harbored such dog within three days previous to the time of such dog being so found going abroad loose or at large. Nothing in this article shall prevent any such dog from going into any such street, avenue, alley, park, or other place, provided such dog shall wear a good and substantial wire or leathern muzzle, securely fastened and put on, so as to prevent him from biting.

1225. Every owner, possessor, or person who harbors or keeps any dog within the limits of the city, shall annually, and within thirty days after the first day of May in each year, pay to the city collector the sum of two dollars for every male dog, and the sum of five dollars for every female dog, and cause such dog to be registered in the office of the city clerk, in a book to be kept for that purpose; and also obtain from such clerk the metal tag hereinafter required to be furnished to said clerk by the city comptroller.

1226. The city comptroller shall provide, each and every year, such number of metal tags as may be necessary, of such size and shape as he shall deem expedient (the shape to be changed each year), having stamped thereon numbers indicating the year for which the tax is paid, and the letters C. D. T., and deliver the same to the city clerk; and it shall be the duty of the city clerk to deliver one of such metallic plates to the person so paying a tax upon any such dog.

worn or carried by any person, in violation of the first section of this article, shall be forfeited or confiscated to the said city of Chicago, and shall be so adjudged.

1217. Any policeman of the city of Chicago may within the limits of said city without a warrant arrest any person or persons whom such policeman may find in the act of carrying or wearing under their clothes or concealed about their persons, any pistol, or colt, or slung shot, or cross knuckles, or knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, or bowie knife, dirk knife, or dirk, or dagger, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon, and detain him, her or them in the city jail or armory until a summons or warrant can be procured on complaint made (under oath or affirmation) for the trial of such person or persons, and for the seizure and confiscation of such of the weapons above referred to as such person or persons may be found in the act of carrying or wearing under their clothes, or concealed about their persons.

1218. Upon complaint made, under oath or affirmation, to any magistrate or justice of the peace in said city, that any person has been guilty of violating any of the provisions of section 1215 of this article, a summons or warrant shall issue for the summoning or arrest of the offender or offenders, returnable forthwith; upon the return of such summons or warrant, such magistrate or justice shall proceed to the hearing and determination of the matter, and if it shall be adjudged that such person or persons has or have incurred any of the penalties fixed by this article, such magistrate or justice of the peace shall so adjudge, and order that the weapon or weapons, concerning the carrying or wearing of which such penalty shall have been incurred, shall be confiscated to the city of Chicago.

1219. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of section 1215 of this article shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned in the house of correction for a term not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the magistrate or court before whom such conviction shall be had.

1220. The prohibitions of this article shall not apply to the officers or members of the police force of said city when on duty, nor to any officer of any court whose duty may be to serve warrants or to make arrests; nor to persons whose business or occupation may seem to require the carrying of weapons for their protection, and who shall have obtained from the mayor a license so to do, as hereinafter provided.

lawful for any driver of any vehicle herein mentioned, while waiting for employment at any place assigned for his vehicle, to stand waiting for employment at any other place, or to snap or flourish his whip, or to be away from his vehicle unless from necessity or on business, or to sit or stand about the doorsteps or platforms, or in front of any house, store or other building, to the annoyance of the occupants thereof.

1211. Any person who shall violate any clause or provision of any section of this article, or who shall neglect or fail to comply with any or either of the requirements thereof, shall, on conviction, excepting as is herein otherwise provided, pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall forfeit his license.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### *Coal.*

1212. In the sale of coal, the hundred weight shall consist of one hundred pounds avoirdupois, and twenty such hundred weight shall constitute a ton.

1213. Any person or persons engaged in the business of selling coal in the city of Chicago, to be delivered in said city, shall deliver to the purchaser at the time of the delivery of the coal purchased, a certificate, signed by a city weigher, showing the weight of the coal so delivered, and the weight of the wagon or cart.

1214. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article, or who shall deliver to any purchaser a less quantity than two thousand pounds of coal for each ton purchased (or a proportionate amount for any part of a ton), or who shall practice any fraud or deceit in the sale or delivery of any coal purchased, to be delivered in said city as aforesaid, shall upon conviction be fined in a sum of not less than twenty dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, for each offense.

#### ARTICLE XIV. \*

##### *Concealed Weapons.*

1215. It shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of the city to carry or wear under his clothes, or concealed about his person, any pistol, colt or slung shot, cross knuckles, or knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, or bowie knife, dirk knife or dirk, razor or dagger, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon.

1216. Any such weapon or weapons duly adjudged by any police magistrate or justice of the peace of said city to have been