

**ARTICLE IV.
DOG LICENSE**

Sec. 4-1. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own a dog four (4) months old or older in the county, unless such dog is licensed under the provisions of this article.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6524.

Sec. 4-2. Application; applicant must be county resident.

(a) Any person may obtain a dog license by making oral or written application to the treasurer, accompanied by the amount of the license tax. The treasurer shall only have the authority to license dogs of owners or custodians who reside within the boundary limits of the county and may require information to establish the location of the residence of any applicant.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to make a false statement in order to secure a dog license to which he is not entitled. Violation of this section shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor.

(c) Nothing in this article shall preclude compliance with all provisions of the county zoning ordinance.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6526, 3.2-6527, 3.2-6587 (penalty).

Sec. 4-3. Fee imposed.

(a) An annual license fee is hereby imposed on dogs required to be licensed under this article. The amount of the license tax shall be as follows:

Unneutered or unspayed dog:	\$10.00
Neutered or spayed dog:	\$ 5.00
Kennel license (21 to 50 dogs):	\$50.00
Kennel license (20 dogs or less):	\$35.00.

(b) No license fee shall be imposed under this section on any dog that is trained and serves as a guide dog for a blind person or that is trained and serves as a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing-impaired person; or that is a search and rescue dog; or that is trained and serves as a service dog for a mobility-impaired person. As used herein, the term "hearing dog" means a dog trained to alert its owner, by touch, to sounds of danger and sounds to which the owner should respond; and "service dog" means a dog trained to accompany its owner for the purpose of carrying items, retrieving objects, pulling a wheelchair or other

such activities or service or support.

(c) All money collected by the treasurer pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county.

State Law References: Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6528.

Sec. 4-4. When license tax due and payable.

The license tax imposed on dogs by section 4-3 shall be due and payable as follows:

(1) On or before the first day of January and not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year, the owner of any dog four (4) months old or older shall pay such tax.

(2) If a dog shall become four (4) months of age or if a dog over four (4) months of age unlicensed by this county shall come into the possession of any person between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of October of any year, the license tax for the current calendar year shall be paid by the owner forthwith.

(3) If a dog shall become four (4) months of age or if a dog over four (4) months of age unlicensed by this county shall come into the possession of any person between the first day of November and the thirty-first day of December of any year, the license tax for the succeeding calendar year shall be paid forthwith by the owner and such license shall protect the dog from the date of payment of the license tax to the end of the succeeding calendar year.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6530.

Sec. 4-5. Failure to pay tax when due.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to fail to pay the license tax imposed by this article before February 1 for the year in which it is due. In addition, to any fine imposed hereunder, the court may order the confiscation and the proper disposition of any dog for which the license fee has not been paid. Payment of the license tax subsequent to a summons to appear before a court for failure to do so within the time required by this article shall not operate to relieve such owner from the penalties provided for such failure.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6536, 3.2-6587 (penalty).

Sec. 4-6. Issuance, composition and contents.

(a) Upon receipt of a proper application and the prescribed license tax, the treasurer shall issue a dog license; provided, that no such license shall be issued for any dog, unless there is presented to the treasurer a current certificate of vaccination or inoculation issued for the dog pursuant to section 5-61, valid for the entire license year or years. When the

license is issued, such certificate shall be marked and returned to the dog's owner. It shall be unlawful for any person to present a certificate for a dog other than that for which it was issued.

(b) Each dog license shall consist of a license tax receipt and a metal tag. Such receipt shall have recorded thereon the amount of the tax paid, the name and address of the owner or custodian of the dog, the date of payment, the year for which the license is issued, the serial number of the tag and whether the license is for a male, female or unsexed female dog or for a kennel. The metal tag issued hereunder shall be stamped or otherwise permanently marked to show the name of the county, the sex of the dog and the calendar year for which issued and a serial number.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6526, 3.2-6527.

Sec. 4-7. Preservation and exhibition of license receipt; tag to be worn by dog; exceptions.

(a) A dog license receipt shall be carefully preserved by the person to whom it is issued and exhibited promptly on request for inspection by the animal control officer or any other officer of the county. Dog license tags shall be securely fastened to a substantial collar by the owner and worn by such dog. The owner of the dog may remove the collar and license tag required by this section when the dog is engaged in lawful hunting; when the dog is competing in a dog show, supervised obedience training, or supervised field trial; when the dog has a skin condition which would be exacerbated by the wearing of a collar; when the dog is confined; or when the dog is under the immediate control of its owner.

(b) Any dog not wearing a collar bearing a license tag of the proper calendar year shall prima facie be deemed to be unlicensed, and in any proceedings under this article, the burden of proof of the fact that such dog has been licensed or is otherwise not required to bear a tag at the time shall be on the owner of the dog.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6531, 3.2-6533.

Sec. 4-8. Removal of tag.

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the owner, to remove a license tag from a dog without the permission of the owner.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6587.

Sec. 4-9. Duplicate tags.

If a dog license tag shall become lost, destroyed or stolen, the owner shall at once apply to the treasurer for a duplicate license tag. Upon presenting the original license receipt and an affidavit that the original license tag has been lost, destroyed or stolen, the treasurer shall issue a duplicate license tag, which the owner shall immediately affix to

the collar of the dog. The treasurer shall endorse the number of the duplicate and the date issued on the face of the original license receipt. The fee for a duplicate tag shall be established by resolution adopted by the board of supervisors.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6532.

Sec. 4-10. Concealing or harboring unlicensed dog.

It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal or harbor any dog upon which the license tax imposed by this article has not been paid.

State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6587.

**ARTICLE V.
RABIES CONTROL**

State Law References: Authority of county to adopt ordinances to prevent spread of rabies, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6521, 3.2-6525, 3.2-6526, 3.2-6543.

Sec. 5-1. Vaccination or inoculation of dogs and domesticated cats.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or hold or harbor any dog or domesticated cat over the age of four (4) months within the county, unless such dog or cat shall have a current rabies vaccination administered by a currently licensed veterinarian. The vaccine used shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture for use in that species.

(b) Any person transporting a dog or cat into the county from some other jurisdiction shall conform with this section within thirty (30) days.

(c) At the time of vaccination or inoculation, as required by this section, a suitable and distinctive rabies tag and a certificate of vaccination or inoculation, properly executed and signed by a licensed veterinarian, shall be issued for such dog or cat.

(d) The certificate issued pursuant to subsection (c) above shall certify that the dog or cat in question has been vaccinated or inoculated in accordance with this section. Such certificate shall show the date of vaccination or inoculation, the rabies tag number, the date of required immunization, a brief description of the dog or cat, its age, sex and primary breed, whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered, the name and address of the owner, and the locality in which the animal resides.

(e) A certificate issued under this section shall be carefully preserved by the owner of the dog or cat and exhibited promptly on request for inspection by the animal control officer or any other law-enforcement officer.