



# Office of the City Clerk

City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

## DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

All dogs in New York State must be licensed at four months of age. The dog license should be obtained from the Clerk of the town or city in which you reside. The issuance of a new dog license in the City of Binghamton must be processed in person at City Hall. To obtain a new dog license, a certificate of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian must be presented along with personal photo identification. If the dog has been spayed or neutered, a certificate of verification must be presented. After the application and appropriate certificates are filed and the license fee has been paid, the license will be validated for one year by the Clerk's Office. Each dog is assigned a permanent official identification number and issued a metal identification tag which is to be attached to the dog's collar.

### Additional Requirements

New tag numbers may not be issued if a dog has already been licensed in New York State. If the dog has been licensed in another municipality, all previous paperwork must be presented in order to transfer the license to your new address in the City of Binghamton. The name on the rabies certificate must be the owner's name in order to obtain a dog license.

### Fee Schedule

Unneutered/Unspayed:	\$ 20.50
Unneutered/Unspayed (under 4 months):	\$ 17.50
Neutered/Spayed :	\$12.50

### Spay/Neuter Information

Information on spaying or neutering your dog is available from any veterinarian. New York State offers financial assistance for spaying or neutering dogs owned by people on public assistance. For more information, contact (888) 669-0870, or visit <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/APC.html>.

### Rabies Vaccination

Every dog in New York State must be vaccinated against rabies. For a schedule of rabies clinics offered by the Broome County Health Department, please call (607) 778-2887, or visit <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/RabiesClinics.pdf>. For more information about rabies, contact the NYS Department of Health at (518) 473-8600, or (886) 881-2809, or visit <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/rabies/rabies.htm>.

### Renewal

You may renew a dog license by mail. After receiving a renewal reminder from the Department of Agriculture and Markets, simply follow the instructions on the form.

### Change of Address

If you move from one residence to another residence within the City, please notify the City Clerk's Office of your change your address. To transfer a license issued outside of the City, all previous paperwork must be submitted for inspection.

### Change of Owners

To change the official owner of a dog, the new owner must submit all previous paperwork relating to the licensing of the dog. A note stating the change in ownership issued by the previous owner must also be submitted. A new license must be obtained when changing ownership.



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## **Lost License Tag**

If a dog loses its license tag, the owner may order a replacement for a fee of \$2.00. Replacement tags are custom engraved by the Department of Corrections and may take several weeks to arrive. A private tag may be engraved with the dog's license number; however, private tags may not substitute for an official tag.