



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION

License Requirements

All dogs in New York State must be licensed at four (4) months of age. Dog licenses may be obtained from the Clerk of the municipality in which you reside. To obtain a dog license in the City of Binghamton, you must present the following information:

1. Certificate of rabies vaccination from a veterinarian.
2. Personal photo identification.
3. If the dog has been altered (spayed or neutered), a certificate of verification from a veterinarian must be provided.
4. If the dog has previously been licensed in another municipality, all related documents must be provided.

Dog licenses are valid for one (1) year. Each licensed dog is assigned a permanent official identification number, and is issued a metal identification tag which must be attached to the dog's collar.

License Fees

All fees are payable by cash, local bank check, or money order. If you are renewing a dog license after the expiration date, a late fee will be assessed in addition to the cost of the license.

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| Unaltered (Unneutered/Unspayed): | \$25.00 |
| Altered (Neutered/Spayed): | \$15.00 |
| Late Fee: | \$5.00 |
| Replacement Dog Tag: | \$2.00 |

Renewing a Dog License

The City Clerk's Office will mail a notice of renewal to each licensed dog owner, which must be completed and delivered to our office in person or by mail. Renewals must be accompanied by the appropriate fees, as outlined above.

If your dog has received a rabies vaccination since the previous license was issued, please send a copy of the certificate.

If your dog has been altered (spayed/neutered) since the previous license was issued, please send a copy of the certificate of verification from your veterinarian.

Transferring Dog Ownership

When dog ownership is transferred from one person to another, the original owner will need to provide a statement in writing authorizing this transfer. The new owner will need to obtain a dog license in his or her name, even if the dog is currently licensed.

A Note on Rabies Vaccinations

Please note that in order to issue a dog license, the person applying for a dog license must be the same person listed as the dog owner on the rabies certificate. All dogs in the State of New York must be vaccinated against rabies. This vaccine may be obtained from a licensed veterinarian. For a schedule of rabies clinics offered in Broome County, please visit the Broome County Health Department website at www.gobroomecounty.com.

A Note on Spaying/Neutering Your Dog

Information about getting your dog spayed or neutered may be obtained from your veterinarian. The State of New York offers financial assistance for spaying or neutering dogs owned by people on public assistance. For more information, please visit the Department of Agriculture and Markets website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us.