

## ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

### AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE IV OF THE AMELIA COUNTY CODE TO AMEND THE FEES FOR DOG LICENSES

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#### Chapter 11, Article IV Dog License

##### **§ 11-26 Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own a dog four 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.

##### **§ 11-27 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 4 misdemeanor. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]
- C. Nothing in this article shall preclude compliance with all provisions of Chapter 325, Zoning.

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

##### **§ 11-28 Fee imposed. [Amended 6/18/2024]**

- 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:

(1) Unneutered or unspayed dog: \$10.

(2) Neutered or spayed dog: \$510.

(3) Kennel license (~~21 to 50 dogs~~): \$50.

(4) Kennel License (~~20 dogs or fewer~~): \$35

- 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.

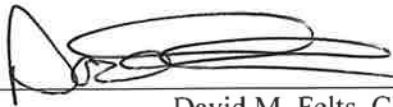
State law references: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6528.

**§ 11-36 Issuance of license for lifetime of dog.**

[Added 3-21-2018]

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, effective in lieu of the annual license required under §§ 11-28 and 11-29, any dog owner may opt to purchase a permanent license, valid for the lifetime of the dog for which it has been issued. **The fee for issuance of such a lifetime license shall be \$50 for a dog regardless of if it being spayed/neutered.** As provided by § 11-29, either an annual license or a lifetime license shall be required for every dog on and after the date the dog reaches the age of four months, or 30 days after a dog is brought into the County, whichever is later. Kennel licenses shall continue to be required and issued on an annual basis, as stated in § 11-28. **[Amended 6/18/2024]**
- B. Dog owners applying for such a lifetime license shall present a certificate of a current rabies vaccination. Thereafter the owner shall maintain such vaccination in current status as required by § 11-37. If a dog previously granted a lifetime license is determined by the animal control officer not to have a currently valid vaccination or certificate thereof, the lifetime license shall be deemed void, and in addition to any other penalty or consequence provided by law, the owner shall be required to apply for a new license for such dog once a valid vaccination has been obtained.

Effective date: July 1, 2024

  
David M. Felts, Chairman  
Amelia County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
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