

# CLERK'S OFFICE

## DOG LICENSE



Every property owner or occupant in the City of Eastpointe who possesses, harbors, shelters, keeps, or has custody of any dog is responsible for **obtaining a license within 30 days of moving into the City or acquiring a new dog**, for any dog that is 4 months old or older, for each dog up to two dogs as permitted by ordinance. Residents are required to apply for a license on or before March 1st of each year, and must provide a signed Rabies Vaccination Certificate from a licensed veterinarian in accordance with State Law. All dogs shall have and wear at all times a collar with license tag securely attached.

The current cost of a dog license:



### ONE YEAR LICENSE

License will expire: March 1, 2013

Any dog owner can purchase a one year tag with proof of valid rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Cost:

Neutered Dog . . . . . \$7.00  
Male/Female Dog . . . . . \$13.00  
After March 1st, add . . . . . \$10.00



### THREE YEAR LICENSE

License will expire: March 1, 2015

ONLY dog owners with rabies vaccination expiring in 2014 or 2015 are eligible to purchase a 3 year tag with proof of valid rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian

Cost:

Neutered Dog . . . . . \$10.00  
Male/Female Dog . . . . . \$25.00  
After March 1st, add . . . . . \$10.00

## Purpose & The Law

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of Eastpointe residents, business owners, and visitors; to prevent unhealthy and unsafe conditions in neighborhoods, and further, in order to notify owners of lost or impounded dogs.

The law governing dogs can be found in Chapter 8 of the "Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastpointe". These ordinances can be reviewed at the Clerk's Office at City Hall, in the Library, online at <http://cityofeastpointe.net>, or a copy may be obtained for the cost of current copy fees.

The City enforces the ordinance pertaining to dogs through its Police Officers and an Animal Control Officer, whose duties include investigating and writing tickets to enforce the laws and ordinances concerning animals. The City also employs dog canvassers who check door-to-door for dog licenses each year. The canvassers also issue tickets when dogs are found unlicensed.

## Kennel Permit

Whenever a resident in the City of Eastpointe desires an exception to the two-dog limit, the following procedure applies:

- The resident must submit a written application to the City Clerk's Office.
- Download the application: [Dog Kennel Permit Form](#) (Requires "Acrobat Reader," available as a free download from [the Adobe website](#).)
- The applicant must agree to neuter all dogs in his/her possession in a manner that prevents reproduction unless the dogs are for show.

The reasons for the circumstances surrounding the request must outweigh the risk of disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, as determined by the Chief of Police. It also must be shown that the applicant has not been convicted of violating any provision of Animal Code, Chapter 8. In addition to these conditions, the applicant must meet all other licensing requirements.



## Common Dog Complaints

Loud, frequent, or constant barking and howling: The City has and enforces an ordinance for barking and howling dogs that may cause annoyance to the neighborhood or the general public.

Dogs running free: The City has and enforces an ordinance that does not allow animals to run free or at large.

Failure to remove and dispose of feces on the owner's property: This condition allows for potential rat harborage to exist and is enforced under Chapter 8 of the "Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastpointe."

## Frequently Asked Questions

*How soon must I buy a license when I move into the City?*

You must obtain a license within 30 days of moving into the City.

*How soon must I buy a license when I acquire a new dog?*

If the dog is older than four months, you have 30 days from the date you acquired the dog.

*How soon must I buy a license for a new puppy?*

You must obtain a license within 30 days after your puppy becomes four months old and has received its vaccination for rabies. A puppy license is available at a lower cost. Call the City Clerk's office at (586) 445-5026 for more information.



## Frequently Asked Questions cont.

### *What should I bring when I come to purchase my license?*

You will need to provide a signed Rabies Vaccination Certificate from a licensed veterinarian, and if your dog has been spayed/neutered since the last license purchased, a copy of that paperwork for verification.

### *I thought puppies could not be vaccinated until they were six months old?*

The American Veterinarian Medical Association (AVMA) now requires any dog four months or older to have their rabies vaccination.

### *What is the licensing date each year and will I receive a reminder?*

The licensing date as of 2000 is March 1st of each year. You will receive a letter with paperwork for each dog in your home currently licensed each year. Notices are also advertised in the local paper and the City cable channel as an additional reminder.

### *Is there a late fee?*

Yes, any dog licensed after March 1 (except new pet, within a 30-day limit) is charged an additional \$10.00 late fee.



### *Why am I asked to provide a daytime phone number when my home telephone number has already been listed?*

Most often dogs stray while the owner is at work. This number will assist the Animal Control Officers in contacting you as soon as possible and possibly preventing an overnight stay for your family member at the Macomb County Animal Shelter.

### *What if I have more than two dogs?*

If you have more than two dogs you are required to obtain a [Dog Kennel Permit](#). Please refer to that specific section above or call the Clerk's Office at 445-5026 for further information.

### *Why does my dog have to wear the tag at all times?*

We receive many calls from concerned homeowners that have found a dog with a tag and seek information in order to return it to the owners. The Animal Control Officer and Police Officers also use this to quickly contact an owner in order to return a pet that has strayed. Besides your pet's safety, it assures everyone that your dog has been properly vaccinated and licensed.

### *What is considered proof for a show dog?*

The owner of a show dog must provide proof of two shows for the previous year. Proof is required each year.

