

Please verify all the information on the application and make any necessary corrections. Indicate on the application any dog you no longer own and complete an additional application for any new dog. **Sign, date and include a current phone number on the application.**

### **Dog License Fees:**

**Dog License Fees are \$24 per dog. If your dog qualifies for the spayed/neutered exemption the Dog License Fee is \$14 per dog.**

**Kennel License fees are \$70.00 for 5 tags. All additional tags may be purchased for an additional \$1.00 per tag.**

In case of loss of the registration tag, law provides a duplicate may be secured at the auditor's office for twenty-five cents. ORC 955.08

### **\*\*\*KENNEL OWNERS\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Applicants may be subject to kennel inspection by the County Dog Warden\*\*\***

**Definition of a Kennel Owner:** Ohio Revised Code Section 955.02 - A kennel owner is a person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale.

**If your application and payment is not received by the auditor's office or postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup>, a penalty equal to the Dog License Fee for your dog will be assessed in addition to the Dog License Fee.**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Application must be filed with the county auditor before January 31<sup>st</sup>, accompanied by a registration fee for each dog over three months old, owned, kept or harbored by the applicant, or such additional fee as is fixed by county commissioners under ORC 955.01 and 955.14.

If such application for registration is not filed and said fee paid on or before the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of January of each year, the county auditor shall assess a penalty upon such owner, keeper or harborer, which must be paid with the registration fee. ORC 955.01

Every person who purchases a dog from outside the State of Ohio after January 31<sup>st</sup> and before July 1<sup>st</sup> must within 30 days make application for registration from January 31<sup>st</sup> and pay the full annual fee; if purchased after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee is one-half the annual fee. ORC 955.06

Every person who owns a dog which becomes three months of age after January 31<sup>st</sup> and before July 1<sup>st</sup> must within 30 days make application for registration from January 31<sup>st</sup> and pay the full annual fee. If the dog becomes three months of age after July 1<sup>st</sup> the fee is one-half the annual fee. If such application is not filed within 30 days and the fee paid, the auditor shall assess a penalty upon the owner or harborer which must be paid with the registration. ORC 955.05 and 955.06

Please pay by check or money order (no cash please) to: **Jill Thompson, Athens County Auditor, 15 S. Court Street, Room 330, Athens, Ohio 45701-2896. Include a copy of your application, payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**

If you have questions, please contact the Athens County Auditor's Office (740) 592-3223.  
Athens County Auditor's Office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section 955.21. No owner, keeper, or harborer of a dog more than three months of age, nor owner of a dog kennel shall fail to file the application for registration required by section 955.01 of the Revised Code, nor shall he fail to pay the legal fee therefore.

Section 955.24. No person shall obstruct or interfere with anyone lawfully engaged in capturing an unregistered dog or making an examination of a dog wearing a tag.

Section 955.25. No person shall own, keep, or harbor a dog wearing a fictitious, altered, or invalid registration tag or a registration tag not issued by the county auditor in connection with the registration or such animal.

Penalties: (A) Whoever violates sections or divisions of 955.11, 955.21, 955.22, 955.23, 955.24, or 955.25 of the Ohio Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. ORC 955.99