

Application must be filed with the county auditor before January 31st, 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 (31st) 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 31st and before July 1st must within 30 days make application for registration from January 31st and pay the full annual fee; if purchased after July 1st, 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 31st and before July 1st must within 30 days make application for registration from January 31st and pay the full annual fee. If the dog becomes three months of age after July 1st 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

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 of 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

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

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

Dog License Fee: Dog License Fees are \$26 per dog. If your dog qualifies for the spayed/neutered exemption the Dog License Fee is \$16 per dog. If your application and payment is not received by the auditor's office on or before January 31st, a penalty equal to the Dog License Fee for your dog will be assessed in addition to the Dog License Fee.

Also available are Permanent Tags at \$260 or reduced rate of \$160 or Three Year Tags at \$78 or reduced rate of \$48. These tags can only be purchased at the County Auditor's Office. Penalties will apply if purchased after July 1st.

Register your dog on-line at www.doglicenses.us/OH/Athens. Only credit card payments accepted; a per dog processing fee applies. To access your pre-filled form you will need your Account ID and Password listed on the application.

*****KENNEL OWNERS: Please contact our office for your Dog License Fee amount.*****

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. The deadline to purchase a dog license without being assessed a penalty is January 31, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS.