

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

## UNALTERED DOG PERMIT APPLICATION

**\*PLEASE PRINT – AN APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH DOG\***

APPLICANT FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Single Family Dwelling? \_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_ Rental Unit \_\_\_ or Owner Occupied \_\_\_

PRIMARY TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DOG\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ (IF MIXED, DESCRIPTION)

VETERINARY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge by signing that **I have received a copy of the Bluefield, West Virginia Municipal Code Section** regarding the dog and I declare that (initial):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am over the age of 18 and have never been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect.

\_\_\_\_\_ The applicable dog has been examined by a veterinarian and a copy of all records has been submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will comply with any laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to owning and caring for animals, and understand that nothing in this permit shall be interpreted as a waiver of any laws or regulations or the granting of any permission except the permission to have an unaltered dog.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is my sole responsibility to promptly update any changes in the information provided on this application.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand no person shall own, keep, or harbor a pit bull dog, as defined in [section 4-39\(3\)](#) [definition of dangerous animal], or any wolf species as defined in [section 4-39\(4\)](#) [definition of dangerous animal], within the corporate limits of the city.

**I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application may result in an immediate denial or revocation of the Dog Permit without refund of fee.**

**I understand that this is **NOT a Breeding Permit** and it is against the law to breed without proper documentation. The penalty for a conviction of violation shall be a fine of \$150.00- for each violation. This penalty shall not be waived by the transfer or abandonment of the animal by the noncompliant owner.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fee per Dog - \$50.00

City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_

(1) **Owners must alter their dogs and cats unless:**

- a. The pet is less than six months old;
- b. The owner has obtained an unaltered animal permit from the city clerk to keep the pet cost of such permit to be **\$50.00 per animal for the life of the animal**;
- c. A licensed veterinarian states in writing that the animal is medically unfit to undergo the procedure; or
- d. The animal is kept in the city for fewer than 30 days in a one-year period.

(2) **To qualify for an unaltered animal permit, the owner must:**

- a. Satisfy the city clerk that the permit is sought for a proper purpose or purchase a breeding permit.
- b. Have the pet examined regularly by a licensed veterinarian.
- c. Have the pet vaccinated annually.
- d. Have the pet housed properly.
- e. Have had no more than one violation of the animal code in the preceding 24 months.

(Code 1974, § 3-40; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)

**Sec. 4-61. - Issuance of citation.** The animal control officer, code enforcement officer, and/or any police officer are authorized to issue citations for any violations of the sections under this article. (Code 1974, § 3-42; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008; [Ord. of 2-10-2015](#))

**Sec. 4-64. - Forfeiture of animal.** In the event any person is convicted of three violations of these regulations with regard to keeping and maintaining animals, then such person shall forfeit the right to keep and maintain any animal within the corporate limits of the city. The animal control officer for the city shall then be entitled to pick up and remove from the possession of any such person, any animal owned by them at any future date. (Code 1974, § 3-50; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)

The city clerk may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this section upon a finding that the permit holder has violated its terms and conditions. Such a finding shall be made only after giving the owner of the animal in question notice of the violations and an opportunity to explain such violations to the city clerk. (Code 1974, § 3-45; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)