

#### **6.04.020 Dog Licenses Required**

Every person owning or keeping any dog that has a set of permanent canine teeth or that is six months old, whichever comes first, shall within 30 days after he-becominges the owner or keeper of the dog, and yearly pursuant to DCC 6.04.040A thereafter, procure from the County a license for the dog either under DCC 6.04.030 or DCC 6.04.070.

#### HISTORY

*Adopted by Ord. 90-019 §1 on 6/6/1990*

*Amended by Ord. 90-036 §2 on 8/29/1990*

*Renumbered by Ord. 95-031 §1 on 5/17/1995*

*Amended by Ord. 2023-008 §1 on 5/10/2023*

#### **6.04.040 Expiration**

- A. Dog licenses shall be valid for a period of one, two or three years from the date of purchase, at the option of the owner/keeper or to the rabies expiration date, whichever comes first.
- B. A dog license is not transferable to another dog. The dog license is assigned to the dog and shall remain with the dog upon transfer to another owner for the life of the license. Upon transfer, the dog's new owner shall notify the County of the transfer within 30 days of the transfer.
- C. A dog displaying a current license from jurisdictions outside Deschutes County, but within the State of Oregon, shall not require licensing under DCC 6.04 until expiration of the current license, provided that the dog remains in the possession of the owner to whom the license was duly issued.

#### HISTORY

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#### **6.04.060 Exemptions From License Fees**

No dog-license fee shall be required to be paid for any dog used as an assistance animal as defined in ORS 659A.143 owned by a blind or deaf person who uses the dog as a guide. A license shall be issued for such a dog upon filing with the County a signed statement by the blind or deaf person stating facts showing that the person is entitled to this exemption per ORS 609.105. Such licenses shall be renewed for a period of one, two or three years from the date of issuance, at the option of the owner/keeper or to the rabies expiration date, whichever comes first every year.

#### HISTORY

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#### **6.04.070 Dogs Kept Primarily In Kennels**

- A. Owners of dogs kept primarily in a kennel and not allowed to run at large are entitled, upon making the showing required in DCC 6.04.070, to be licensed at the kennel fee rate. A person requesting licensing at the kennel rate shall establish by affidavit or signed statement (1) if the kennel is a commercial kennel, that the kennel complies with applicable land use laws and ordinances; (2) that the person houses ~~his or her~~the dogs primarily in a kennel, as defined herein; (3) that the person has four dogs or more; (4) that the person has not been convicted of animal abuse under County or state law for failure to maintain minimum care standards; and (5) that the person has not been convicted under County or state law for allowing ~~his or her~~the owned dogs to be at large during any period for which ~~he or she~~the person has had a kennel license.
- B. Any owner or keeper convicted of animal abuse under state or County law by virtue of the conditions under which dogs are kept in the owner or keeper's kennel shall not be entitled to be licensed at the kennel rate.
- C. Any owner or keeper convicted of a dog at large violation while having dogs licensed at the kennel rate shall thereafter not be entitled to license ~~his or her~~the owned or kept dogs at the kennel rate. The kennel license of the owner or keeper so convicted shall remain valid for the remainder of its term.
- D. The dog owner applying for a kennel license shall grant authority to visit the premises to such County representatives as are necessary to verify that the qualifications set forth in the application are met.

#### **HISTORY**

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