

**June 9 Annual Town meeting Dog By-Law Approved February 3,2021 By the Attorney General Office:**

**ARTICLE 24:**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Town's current Dog Control By-Law as follows:

**SECTION 5: LICENSES AND TAGS**

Section 5:1

The owner or keeper of a dog within the Town Chester, said dog being six months of age or older, shall cause that dog to be licensed. The license shall be valid for the same period that the rabies vaccination is current. The deadline to renew a license shall be 30 days following the expiration of the prior license. After that date a penalty will be added to the license fee, as posted in the Schedule of Fees in the office of the town Clerk."

Section 5:2 – strike "and the year of issue".

Section 5:3 – strike "at a cost of \$2.00".

Section 5:4-

"A. The fee for every dog license issued in the Town shall be posted in the Schedule of Fees in the office of the Town Clerk.

B. Any dog acquired or moved into the Town shall be required to obtain a license within 30 days , or upon reaching the age of six months, whichever occurs last. After 30 days, the owner shall be subject to late fees as posted in the Schedule of Fes in the office of the Town Clerk.

C. Fee exemptions:

1.) No fee shall be charged for any service dog as defined by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), provided that the dog has been trained and is in the actual service of a resident of the Town.

2.) Even if exempt from the licensing fee, all dogs in the Town must obtain a license following normal procedures, or will be subject to the fines and penalties posted in the Schedule of Fees in the office of the Town Clerk.

D. Kennel Licenses: Any owner or keeper of four or more dogs, six months of age or over, may elect to secure an annual kennel license after inspection by the Animal Control Officer. The fees for Kennel licenses shall be as per the fee schedule posted in the Town Clerk's office.

E. Once any dog license fee (individual or kennel) has been paid to the town, no fee or portion thereof shall be refunded.