



ORDINANCE NO. 13-06-2024

FRANKLIN COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4: ANIMALS AND FOWL

ARTICLE II: DOGS,

SECTION 4-52: LICENSE YEAR,

SECTION 4-54: TAX IMPOSED, AND

SECTION 4-55: WHERE AND WHEN TAX DUE AND PAYABLE

WHEREAS, Code of Virginia, Section 3.2-6530, authorizes the governing body of a city or county to, by ordinance, provide a lifetime dog license, to be valid only as long as the animal's owner resides in the issuing locality and the animal's rabies vaccination is kept current.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT AFTER A DULY ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO AMEND COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 4: ANIMALS AND FOWL, ARTICLE II: DOGS, SECTIONS: 4-52, 4-54 AND 4-55 AND REPLACE IT WITH:

Sec. 4-52. - License year.

The lifetime dog license shall be valid only as long as the animal's owner resides in the County of Franklin and the dog's rabies vaccination is kept current.

Sec. 4-54. - Tax imposed.

(a) A lifetime license tax of twenty dollars (\$20.00) is hereby imposed on the ownership of each dog required to be licensed by this article, and the tax for a kennel shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) annually.

(b) No license tax shall be levied under this section on any dog that is trained and serves as a guide dog for a blind person, that is trained and serves as a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing impaired person, or a service dog for a mobility-impaired or otherwise disabled person. As used in this subsection, "hearing dog" means a dog trained to alert its owner by touch to sounds of danger and sounds to which the owner should respond.

Sec. 4-55. - Where and when tax due and payable.

(a) The owner of any dog four (4) months or older shall pay the lifetime license tax as prescribed in [section 4-54](#) within thirty (30) days of the dog attaining the age of four (4) months.

(b) The lifetime license tax on dogs as prescribed in [section 4-54](#), shall be due and payable, at the office of the county treasurer, or designated agent, not later than thirty (30) days if a dog shall become four (4) months of age or if a dog over four (4) months of age unlicensed by this county shall come into the possession of any person in this county.

(c) All lifetime dog licenses issued pursuant to this article shall expire upon the death of the animal. Any kennel license tax prescribed pursuant to subsection [4-54\(a\)](#) shall be due on January 1 and not later than January 31 of each year.

Upon Motion by Supervisor Nick Mitchell and seconded by Supervisor Mike Carter, said motion was ADOPTED upon the following recorded vote:

AYES: Carter, Jamison, Quinn, Smith, Tatum, Mitchell

ABSENT: Thompson

* Roll call vote was taken

Attest:



Amy R. Renick, Clerk
Franklin County Board of Supervisors

