

## **Town of Corinth**

### **Local Law No. 1 of the year 2010.**

**A local law to amend Chapter 55 of the code of the Town of Corinth relating to the licensing of dogs.**

**Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Corinth, as follows:**

**Section 1. Chapter 55, Section 4 of the Code of the Town of Corinth is hereby amended to read as follows:**

#### **§ 55-4. Licensing.**

- A. (1) All dogs in the Town of Corinth must be licensed with the Town Clerk by the age of four months.
- (2) In order to obtain a license, the dog owner must present a certificate from a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog has been vaccinated to prevent rabies, or a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian stating that, because of old age or other reason, the life of the dog would be endangered by the administration of rabies vaccine.
- B. (1) All dog licenses will be valid for a period of one year and will expire on the last day of the month one year from the date of issue.
- (2) The fee will be \$6.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$14.00 for an unspayed or unneutered dog. Such license fees include the assessment of a \$1.00 surcharge for altered dogs and \$3.00 for unaltered dogs for the New York State Animal Population Control Program, or any County-wide program as may be implemented. The fee for replacing a lost license tag will be \$2.00.
- (3) A Guide Dog, a Police Work Dog, Hearing Dog, Service Dog, Working Search Dog or Detection Dog as those terms are defined by Section 108 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 7, will be exempt from all license fees. Such dogs must be licensed annually.
- (4) The Town of Corinth will not be issuing Purebreed or Kennel Licenses. All dogs will be licensed individually according to the fee system stated above.
- C. (1) Saratoga County Animal Shelter is authorized to issue dog licenses for dogs which will reside within the Town of Corinth. No other shelter, pound, breeder, or any other facility is authorized to issue licenses for dogs in the Town of Corinth.
- (2) The Saratoga County Animal Shelter is authorized to charge for and collect the license fee.
- (3) All information regarding dogs licensed by the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, which reside within the Town of Corinth, will be promptly provided to the Town Clerk.

(4) The Saratoga County Animal Shelter will be solely responsible for collecting the mandatory surcharge (\$1.00 for altered animals and \$3.00 for unaltered animals), for the New York State or County run Animal Population Control Program.

D. (1) All dog licenses may be purchased and obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, or by regular mail. All License Applications must be on a form issued by the Town Clerk.

(2) Any Application or Renewal submitted by mail must be on the appropriate form and must include the applicable fees. Fees are non-refundable.

E. (1) If any dog is seized or impounded for a violation of this law, the impound fee for the First Offense will be \$10.00 plus \$5.00/day. For a Second or Subsequent Offense, the impound fee will be \$50.00 plus \$5.00/day.

(2) In addition, if a dog is euthanized, the dog owner shall be responsible for such euthanization charges.

(3) Impound fees shall be paid to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, as appropriate.

F. All licensing fees collected by the Town Clerk shall be used in funding administration of the Animal Control Law of the Town of Corinth and such dog population control programs as the Town Board deems appropriate.

G. A Dog Enumeration may be conducted at such intervals as the Town Board deems appropriate. If during a Dog Enumeration a dog is found to be unlicensed, a fee of \$5.00 will be assessed in addition to all other licensing fees.

**Section 2. Chapter 55, Section 5 is hereby repealed:**

**Section 3. Repealer.**

All local laws or ordinances and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section 5. When effective.**

This local law shall take effect January 2, 2011, after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.