

DOG LICENSING

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PENALTIES

After March 31, a late fee of \$5 per dog shall be assessed to the owner **obtaining a dog license for any dogs older than 5 months of age** (Sec. 174.05(5), Wis. Stats.). **Owners not licensing their dogs may also be subject to County and/or municipal citations.** In addition, an owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statute may be required to forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, plus court costs.

Please call our office if you have any questions 920-787-0442.

As of January 1, 2026, the County Clerk's Office will be distributing all dog license tags, this will no longer be done through your municipal treasurer. There are multiple ways to obtain a license.

1. Mail your rabies certificate and check **(make sure personal information is up to date):**
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380 S. Townline Road
Wautoma, WI 54982
2. Walk-In to the County Clerk's office:
Waushara County Government Center
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Wautoma, WI 54982
3. Apply online:
Go to co.waushara.wi.us
Click on "Departments," then "County Clerk," then "Dog License," and follow the prompts. Once you submit your information you can pay online or mail the payment.

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