

DOG LICENCING IN THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE



The District of Maple Ridge strives to ensure that dogs, their owners and neighbours live in safety and harmony.

This brochure outlines responsibilities associated with owning a dog in the District of Maple Ridge.

Maple Ridge Dog Pound and Dog Control Bylaw

The District of Maple Ridge Dog Pound & Dog Control Bylaw No. 4524-1991 states “No person shall own, keep, harbour or have in his possession any dog unless a licence has been obtained pursuant to the terms of this bylaw.”

Licensing Fees

On/Before January 31

Spayed/Neutered	\$25.00
Unaltered (male/female)	\$52.00

On/After February 1

Spayed/Neutered	\$41.00
Unaltered (male/female)	\$68.00

After August 1

(with proof of purchase/adoption within last 30 days)

Spayed/Neutered	\$12.50
Unaltered (male/female)	\$26.00

Additional Fees

Licence Transfer Fee (from another District/Municipality)	\$5.00
Tag Replacement Fee	\$5.00

Fines

Failure to licence a dog	\$100.00
Failure to display licence tag on the licenced dog	\$100.00
Dog at large	\$50.00
More than 3 dogs	\$100.00

Commonly Asked Questions

How long is the licence valid for?

January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year.

What does my dog licence fee pay for?

Your licensing fee supports the return of pets to their owners and the adoption of homeless pets every year. It also pays for education and enforcement of the District of Maple Ridge Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw as well as the cost for operating the local animal shelter.

I no longer own the dog, what should I do?

Contact the District’s Bylaw Office at 604-467-7384 or 604-467-7305 so that we can update our records.

I have lost my dog’s tag, what should I do?

Visit or call the District’s Bylaw Office at 604-467-7384 or 604-467-7305 and our staff will arrange to have another dog licence issued to you.

*Please note there is a \$5.00 fee to re-issue a dog licence.

What if I move?

Contact the District’s Bylaw Office at 604-467-7384 or 604-467-7305 so that we can update our records.

Can a licence be transferred to a new dog ?

If the owner of the dog sells or otherwise ceases to be the owner of the dog, the licence may be transferred to the new owner.

I have a Guide/Assistance Dog., do I need to purchase a licence?

The owner of a Guide or Assistance Dog must provide satisfactory proof to the District of Maple Ridge as to the use of the dog for such purpose. Once satisfactory proof has been received, a licence will be issued for the dog at no charge.

What are the Shelter hours & phone number?

The Maple Ridge Shelter operates from 9 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday; Saturday & Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm and is closed on statutory holidays. The Shelter is located at 10235 Jackson Road and they can be reached by phone at 604-463-9511.

NEW DOG/NEW LICENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this portion **with payment** to the District of Maple Ridge at 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Home phone #: _____

Alternate phone #: _____

Dog altered: Neutered Male/Spayed Female

Dog unaltered: Male/Female

Dog's name: _____

Primary breed: _____

Dominant color(s): _____

Visa or MasterCard #: _____

Expiry date: _____

Name of card holder: _____

****If your dog has been spayed or neutered, please ensure to include a copy of their spay or neuter certificate so that the discounted rate can be applied.****

Information collected on a dog licence application is collected under the authority of Section 47 of the *Community Charter*. Personal Information collected is protected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

For information about the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, please contact the District's Clerk's Department at 604-463-5221.

Did You Know?

All dogs 4 (four) months of age and older residing in the District of Maple Ridge are required to be licensed. The District of Maple Ridge encourages responsible pet ownership by creating lower fees for spayed/neutered dogs. Did you know that a spayed/neutered pet is less likely to roam?

It is a fact that each year many dogs become estranged from their owners. The majority of the licensed dogs are returned to grateful owners. Conversely, many unlicensed dogs are never reunited with their owners. A licensed dog has a much greater likelihood of being reunited with its family when it is wearing its licence.

Dogs & Barking

Barking is instinctive to the canine species. They bark to communicate with other dogs, to alert their owners of possible danger, to protect their property and sometimes out of boredom.

Responsible dog owners ensure their barking dogs do NOT disturb surrounding neighbours. Dogs should receive adequate exercise for stimulation to prevent boredom barking.

Excessive barking may be a contravention of the District of Maple Ridge Noise Control Bylaw No. 5122-1994. For more information on this bylaw please contact the District's Bylaw Department.



*Deep Roots
Greater Heights*

Contact the Bylaw Department

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