

## **2017 Dog Licensing Season Begins!**

When the ball drops to ring in a New Year, it is also a reminder that annual dog licensing season also begins.

This year, I am very excited to announce a pilot initiative to allow residents to license your dog online. We hope you find the new cloud-based software easy to use. You can license your dog at your convenience, 24-7, without ever making a trip to the Municipal Building. Simply register online and our office will send you your loved one's dog tags in the mail.

Please visit our new site to register you dog:

<https://franklinma.viewpointcloud.com/>

Residents may also find the registration center on the Online Payments section of the Town's website at [www.franklinma.gov](http://www.franklinma.gov)

Our office reminds dog owners that licensing your dog is due by April 1st. After April 1st, a late fee will be assessed. In addition to the late fee, if your dog is found to have not been registered at all, there is a \$100 fine, per state law.

You are also required to send a rabies certificate and to provide your Vet's information to allow us to communicate better with them on rabies information and expiration.

2017 Fee Schedule:

Dog Licensing Registration:	
Before April 1 <sup>st</sup> (spayed/neutered)	\$20.00
Before April 1 <sup>st</sup> ( <u>not</u> spayed/neutered)	\$30.00
After April 1 <sup>st</sup> (Late dog registration fee, spayed/neutered)	\$50.00
After April 1 <sup>st</sup> (Late dog registration fee, <u>not</u> spayed/neutered)	\$60.00

By using this online service, we will also email you notification of next year's dog licensing as well. Let us do most of the work for you so you can spend more time with your pets. Register today!

Please call the office at (508) 520-4900 with any questions.

And, yes, the Town Clerk still accepts applications via mail and personally in the office. Forms will be sent out in the upcoming census mailing in January. Do not hesitate to stop in to register your dog.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe New Year's weekend.

Teresa M. Burr

Town Clerk