

YOUR DOG AND THE LAW



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City of Fall River, Massachusetts*

ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED

LICENSES VALID FROM
APRIL 1 TO MARCH 31

FEES

Male or Female dog	\$15.00
Spayed or Neutered dog	\$10.00
Free for owners 70 years of age or older with proof of age.	

**Cash, check or money order made
payable to the City of Fall River accepted.**

LICENSING

Owners of dogs four months or older, mail or
come in person with copy of valid Rabies
Certificate with current Fall River address and
fee to:

City Clerk's Office
One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722
508-324-2220
city_clerks@fallriverma.org

KENNELS

Any person maintaining a kennel must
complete a kennel license application. Owners
of four dogs or more are required to purchase
such license. All applicable zoning and
inspection requirements apply.

If your dog died or moved, please notify this office.

**PLEASE OBEY THE LEASH LAW.
CHILDREN AND OTHER DOGS
MAY LIVE AND PLAY NEARBY.**

All dogs must be kept under restraint, including all dogs on any public properties such as parks and playgrounds, with a leash no longer than 6 feet long. Leash laws prevent your dog from becoming a public nuisance.



Per order of the Park Board, no dogs are allowed in city-owned cemeteries.

Failure to comply may result in fines and penalties.

Animal bites, stray and injured animals
or any animal cruelty or neglect?
Report them to Fall River Animal Control
508-324-2037

PLEASE ALWAYS PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Why? It's the law.

According to Fall River City Ordinance Sec. 6-17:

The owner of every dog shall be responsible for the removal of any fecal matter deposited by the owner's animal(s) on his property, public walks, recreation areas or private property.

Violators will be fined \$25.

What's the big deal?

We all know that pet waste is unsightly and smelly, but did you know pet waste can be a major contributor to water pollution? Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets and even in grassy areas can be washed into storm drains when it rains. Storm drains then release the polluted water directly into local bodies of water. Pet waste contains bacteria, parasites and viruses which can end up in our streams, lakes and oceans where it can harm human health and the environment.

What can you do?

The City of Fall River has conveniently equipped parks with bag dispensers and trash containers. Next time you take your dog for a walk bring a bag or use those provided in City parks and pick up the waste and dispose of it in a trash container.



Leaving your dog for "just a minute" in a closed vehicle may be a minute too long.

For more information on the city's animal ordinances, please visit the City Clerk's webpage on the City's Website: www.fallriverma.org