

**ORDINANCE NO. O-26-5**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DOG LICENSE FEES  
IN THE BOROUGH OF WEST LONG BRANCH**

WHEREAS, the borough recently amended its dog licensing fee ordinance to only permit 3-year licenses, however the rabies inoculation timing has caused difficulties in the licensing of animals who have already been inoculated, and the rabies inoculation is good for three years; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined to amend that ordinance to permit dog licenses for either one year or three years, at the discretion of the dog owner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch that Ordinance 5-1 and Ordinance O-25-20 are amended and modified as follows:

**SECTION 1. LICENSING FEES**

Ordinance 5-1.4(c) is amended as follows:

The person applying for a dog license and registration tag shall pay a fee based upon the term of license selected by the owner. For a three-year license, the fee shall be \$45.00 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$54.00 for each non-spayed or non-neutered dog. All such fees shall be paid at the time of application for the license and registration tag.

**SECTION 2. TERM OF LICENSE**

Ordinance 5-1.4(f) shall be amended to read:

Each dog license issued for one year shall terminate on January 31 of the following year. Each dog license issued for three years will terminate on January 31 following the conclusion of the 3-year licensing period.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENCIES**

This ordinance shall repeal and replace any existing ordinances to the extent of any inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law and govern all dog licenses issued in or after 2026. This ordinance shall also be interpreted retroactively to January 2026 in order to correct the problems encountered with the prior adopted ordinance.

All other provisions of Ordinance 5-1 not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Introduced: February 18, 2026  
Passed: March 4, 2026  
Adopted: March 4, 2026

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