

256B (a). (Licensing of Dogs.) It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a dog unless licensed as provided in this sub-title. Licenses shall not be required for dogs under the age of four months which are not at large. The license period shall run for the calendar year; namely from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive, and the license fee, which shall be the only license or tax on dogs in this County and which is payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or to such other agents, at such other places as may be designated by the Board of County Commissioners, shall be regulated and determined and, if paid when due and payable, shall be as follows:

(a) (Individual Dog Licenses.) Every person owning or harboring a dog within Anne Arundel County shall apply either orally or in writing to the County Treasurer, or such agents as are duly authorized and advertised by the Board of County Commissioners to sell and to enforce this licensing act, for a license certificate and tag for each such dog owned or harbored by him, excepting dogs kept under a kennel license as provided for in the following sub-section, and such application shall state the name, sex, breed, age, color and markings of each such dog and be accompanied by a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each male or successfully spayed female, and a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for each unspayed female whose license tag shall be stamped with the letter "F" before the tag number.

In order to secure a license for a spayed female, the applicant must present for the inspection at the time of application a certificate in writing signed by a duly licensed veterinarian describing the dog and stating that to his knowledge it has been spayed and the inspection of this certificate shall be noted on the license certificate and stub for future reference by recording the veterinarian's name and address thereon.

The above license is due and payable as follows:

(1) On or before January 1st and not later than the last day of February in each year, the owner or harborer of any dog four months old or older shall pay the license tax as above prescribed.

(2) If a dog shall become four months of age or an unlicensed dog of license age shall come into the possession of any person between January 1st and November 1st of any year, the full license tax for the current calendar year shall be paid forthwith by said owner.

(3) If a dog shall become four months of age or an unlicensed dog of license age shall come into the possession of