



# CITY OF BLUEFIELD

Nature's Air Conditioned City

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

## DOG BREEDER'S PERMIT APPLICATION

**\*PLEASE PRINT – AN APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH DOG\***

APPLICANT FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Single Family Dwelling? \_\_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_\_ Rental Unit \_\_\_\_ or Owner Occupied \_\_\_\_

PRIMARY TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DOG\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ (IF MIXED, DESCRIPTION)

VETERINARY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The law requires breeders to register as a breeding domestic animal business if they have three or more fertile dogs. Owner will be required to have a West Virginia Business Registration Certificate and City of Bluefield Business License.**

I hereby acknowledge by signing that **I have received a copy of the Bluefield, West Virginia Municipal Code Section** regarding the breeding of a dog and I declare that (initial):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am over the age of 18 and have never been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand only one litter is allowed in my household from this dog with the permitted year.

\_\_\_\_\_ The applicable dog has been examined by a veterinarian and a copy of all records has been submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that no puppies/dog may be sold or otherwise transferred until they reach eight weeks old.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will comply with any laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to owning, caring for, or breeding animals, and understand that nothing in this permit shall be interpreted as a waiver of any laws or regulations or the granting of any permission except the permission to breed a dog.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is my sole responsibility to promptly update any changes in the information provided on this application

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand no person shall own, keep, or harbor a **pit bull dog**, as defined in [section 4-39\(3\)](#) [definition of dangerous animal], or any wolf species as defined in [section 4-39\(4\)](#) [definition of dangerous animal], within the corporate limits of the city.

**I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application may result in an immediate denial or revocation of the Dog Breeder's Permit without refund of fee and an order compelling the dog to be spayed /neutered within 60 days.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fee per Dog - \$30.00

City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_

## **DOG BREEDER'S PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **To qualify for an unaltered animal permit, the owner must:**

- a. Satisfy the city clerk that the permit is sought for a proper purpose or purchase a **breeding** permit.
- b. Have the pet examined regularly by a licensed veterinarian.
- c. Have the pet vaccinated annually.
- d. Have the pet housed properly.
- e. Have had no more than one violation of the animal code in the preceding 24 months.

(Code 1974, § 3-40; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)

**Sec. 4-61. - Issuance of citation.** Modified. The animal control officer, code enforcement officer, and/or any police officer are authorized to issue citations for any violations of the sections under this article. (Code 1974, § 3-42; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008; [Ord. of 2-10-2015](#))

### **Sec. 4-62. - Breeding permit.**

- (a) No person shall cause or allow any dog or cat owned, harbored or kept within the city to breed without first obtaining a breeding permit, as described below. The term "breeding permit" means a written authorization, issued annually by the city clerk, giving its lawful holder permission to breed a dog or cat.
- (b) Each breeding permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance, and may be renewed annually before its expiration date. Each applicant for such a permit shall pay an annual fee of \$30.00 per dog or cat. A separate permit must be obtained for each owned dog or cat which is allowed to breed.
- (c) The humane officer shall enforce the animal breeding permit program to allow the breeding of dogs and cats that are not sterilized consistent with criteria herein. Under no circumstances shall such a permit be issued to a person who has been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect. All breeding permits shall contain the following terms and conditions: The owner of a female dog or cat that is not sterilized shall not allow the breeding of more than one litter per animal in any household within the permit year. Notwithstanding this provision, the city clerk is hereby authorized; up application of a permittee allow on a one-time basis the breeding of up to two dog or cat litters per breeding animal within any domestic household within a permit year. In the event, that a permittee is forced to euthanize a litter of dogs or cats for medical reasons the city clerk may authorize the breeding of one additional litter of dogs or cats within the same permit year by the permittee without penalty.

(Code 1974, § 3-44; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)

### **Sec. 4-63. - Penalty for violation of breeding permit provisions.**

- (a) The penalty for a conviction of violation of [section 4-62](#) shall be a fine of \$150.00 for each violation. This penalty shall not be waived by the transfer or abandonment of the animal by the noncompliant owner.
- (b) The city clerk may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this section upon a finding that the permit holder has violated its terms and conditions. Such a finding shall be made only after giving the owner of the animal in question notice of the violations and an opportunity to explain such violations to the city clerk. (Code 1974, § 3-45; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)

**Sec. 4-64. - Forfeiture of animal.** In the event any person is convicted of three violations of these regulations with regard to keeping and maintaining animals, then such person shall forfeit the right to keep and maintain any animal within the corporate limits of the city. The animal control officer for the city shall then be entitled to pick up and remove from the possession of any such person, any animal owned by them at any future date. (Code 1974, § 3-50; Ord. No. 2008-5, 4-8-2008)