

## DOG REGULATIONS (NJSA 26:4/VC Code C.105)

**State & Local laws regulate the keeping of dogs. Obey the laws & avoid costly penalties!**

NJ Law requires all DOGS to be **licensed & vaccinated** against rabies by **7 months** of age.

1. **DOG LICENSES** are issued by the city in which the dog lives & must be **renewed by January 31<sup>st</sup> every year**. Visitors bringing dogs into Ventnor must obey NJ State & Local Statutes pertaining to dogs. A valid (current year) dog **tag** must be attached to the dog's collar & Proof of Rabies Vaccination must be shown to any Health or Law Enforcement agent requesting same.
2. **DOG LICENSES** may be purchased in person or by mailing a check or money order, payable to the City of Ventnor. Proof of current Rabies Vaccination is required. For neutered or spayed dogs, the Vet's Certificate of Alteration must be presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> licensing in Ventnor. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must also be enclosed if you wish your new tag mailed to you. Checks should be made payable to City of Ventnor.

**FEES** – \$ 9.00 Non-altered Dogs  
\$ 6.00 Spayed/Neutered Dogs – w/Vet Alteration Certificate

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3. Dogs are **never** allowed to run at-large. They must always be kept on a **leash** (6' max).
4. The individual walking the DOG must have the proper cleanup device in their possession.
5. DOGS must be **curbed** at all times & dog **feces removed immediately** using a pooper scooper, or plastic bag & scoop method. "**Curb**" your dog means to direct your dog from the sidewalk curb into the gutter & clean up afterwards. It is against all health laws to put **feces** in a public trash container, street drain or in any receptacle except on the dog's property. **Feces must be carried back to dog owner's property & disposed of in a sanitary way.**
6. DOGS are **NEVER** allowed on **Ventnor's Boardwalk, ballfields, parks, playgrounds or recreational areas**. This is a health & safety issue which must be followed.
7. DOGS on a leash are permitted on the beach **only** during the off-season (Oct 1 - May 15) & **only** if the leashed dog is walked along the sand washed by the tides. Dog **feces** must be **removed** in the manner described in #4 above.
8. DOGS are **NEVER** permitted on vacant lots without the property owner's knowledge & permission & dog feces must be **removed** in the manner described in #4 & #5 above.
9. DOGS kept unrestrained on their owner's property must be controlled by fencing with a height/strength to assure dog from running loose in public. Yard must be maintained daily in sanitary condition.
10. No dog shall be permitted to habitually bark as to disturb the peace & quiet of the neighbors.

### **VIOLATION FINES & PENALTIES**

Persons violating any dog control laws shall be deemed to be contributing to the maintenance of a public nuisance and shall be subject to a penalty of a minimum fine of \$100 up to a maximum to exceed \$1,000 or sentenced to community service within the City of Ventnor City with the number of hours not to exceed 20 hours per violation.