



TOWN OF BOURNE
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TIM MULLEN
DIRECTOR

July 17, 2018

RE:

Dear Dog Owner:

PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS LETTER – READ IT THROUGH. This letter is a follow-up to previous Town communications to you this year regarding the licensing of dog(s), as noted in our dog license & rabies vaccination database. New residents may not have received all communications. As indicated on the Town Census form & instructions sent to you in December of 2017 (with the opportunity to mail in your license renewal), a subsequent letter sent to you in June of 2018 from the Town Clerk's Office, various articles in local newspapers, including notices in The Bourne Courier in January through June of 2018, as well as being posted at Town Hall and to the Town web site; the Town of Bourne By-Laws, Section 3.1.29 and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137 require that all owners or keepers of dogs license them in January of each year for the calendar year.

As of this date, according to the Town Clerk's records, your dog(s) remains unlicensed in the Town of Bourne. We have not been informed of any changes in residence, change of dog ownership, licensing in another Town within or outside of the Commonwealth, the dog's death, or any other circumstance that could be verified and would clear-up this matter. Please be advised that unless all dogs listed at your address are licensed via the Town Clerk ***or we otherwise hear from you by August 1, 2018*** regarding this licensing issue, a **\$50 citation per dog will automatically be issued to you** for Failure to License. At this point, the burden rests with you, the noted dog owner or keeper, to license your dog(s) or contact us by August 1st to remedy this situation. It cannot be stressed enough the need for you to respond to this notice - ***Please do not ignore this, as it is much easier to deal with now, before citations are issued, after which it will eventually become a Court matter.***

If you have any questions or need to discuss this letter further, please contact us at 508-759-0600, Extension 1311 or phamilton@townofbourne.com. Specific dog licensing issues or questions, as well as licensing your dog, should be discussed with the Town Clerk's office at 508-759-0600, Extension 1505 or wchapman@townofbourne.com.

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Town of Bourne