



The Town of Elsmere

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GUARD DOG REGISTRATION / ANNUAL PERMIT APPLICATION

- One-time registration - \$50.00
- Annual permit (first time) - \$100.00
- Annual permit (renewal) - \$100.00

Owner Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Address where dog will be kept _____

Guard Dog Information:

Name _____ NCC Current Dog License # _____

Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Colors _____ Microchip # _____

Distinguishing Marks _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM:

- Printed picture of the dog you are registering.
- Evidence of the fact that you have posted clearly visible “Dangerous Dog” or “Guard Dog” warning signs in accordance with Chapter 71-14H(3) of the Code of the Town of Elsmere.
- Evidence that the dog you are registering has received an annual rabies vaccination in accordance with Chapter 71-10A and 71-14B(1) of the Code of the Town of Elsmere.
- Evidence of the proper Liability Insurance Coverage as required by the code listing the Town of Elsmere as Other Insured.
- Payment of all applicable fee(s).

OFFICIAL USE ONLY			
LICENSE #		DATE ISSUED	
TOTAL FEE		EXPIRATION DATE	
LOCATION INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE			
DATE		TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> PASS <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER			

REQUIREMENTS:

- The business which hires or uses a guard dog shall provide adequate fencing or some other confining structure to keep within the guarded area. The business owner or person responsible for managing each business that hires or uses a guard dog is responsible for each guard dog under his or her control.
- Each business which hires or uses a guard dog that is on the premises during that businesses' operating hours must have the dog confined or restrained in such a manner so as not to have access to those areas open to the public or to otherwise pose a danger to the public.
- The business owner or person responsible for managing a business which hires or uses a guard dog shall be responsible for having at each entry point, and at fifty-foot intervals along the fence perimeter, a sign posted including the words "Guard Dog" or "Dangerous Dog" in black six-inch-high letters on a white background.
- Entry points must have a sign posted with the telephone number of the dog's trainer or handler and owner in case of an emergency.
- Guard dogs must be given a humane existence. Guard dogs that are confined in a cage must have at least ½ hour of exercise within each 12 hours of confinement. It is unlawful for any person, owner, or manager keeping a guard dog to fail to provide clean, sanitary, safe and humane conditions; sufficient quantities of wholesome food daily; adequate quantities of visible, clean and fresh water available at all times; proper air ventilation and circulation; and medical attention and necessary veterinary care when it is sick, diseased, and injured.
- No dog which has been classified as dangerous pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Code of the Town of Elsmere may be used as a guard dog.
- The vehicle of every guard dog service or owner transporting any guard dog must be clearly marked, showing that it is transporting a dangerous dog. A compartment separate from the driver is required which must be arranged to ensure adequate ventilation for the animal.
- No guard dog may be transported in the trunk of a car or in an unenclosed portion of a vehicle, including but not limited to convertibles, pickups, or flatbed trucks. However, a guard dog may be transported in an unenclosed portion of a vehicle if the animal is securely confined within a cage. The cage must be securely anchored to the vehicle in order to prevent its jostling about within the vehicle.
- Owner shall notify the code enforcement officer of any cancellation, modification, expiration or termination of the applicable liability insurance policy or surety bond.
- The guard dog permit must be renewed annually. Failure to renew the dangerous dog permit within 30 calendar days from the expiration of the previous tag will result in the assessment of a late renewal penalty and will subject the owner or keeper to a citation for noncompliance.
- In the event a current dangerous dog permit is lost, destroyed, or misplaced or otherwise missing, a replacement dangerous dog license tag must be obtained. The current fee for a replacement dangerous dog permit is \$5.00.

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read and understand the above requirements relating to the registration of a guard dog in accordance with Chapter 71 of the Code of the Town of Elsmere and agree to comply with all requirements set forth by applicable ordinances established by the Town of Elsmere and as they may be amended. I agree to allow the Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee access to the property where my dog is owned, kept or harbored for the purpose of inspection and verifying compliance with the regulations and ordinances pertaining to proper animal care and maintenance.

Owner's Signature

Date