

Court of Monongalia County, West Virginia, and the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, West Virginia, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with respect to such misdemeanors.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective on and after passage and upon adoption by the Monongalia County Commission.

PASSED by the County Commission on first reading on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1995. This ordinance became effective June 22, 1995.

#### DOG TAX/LICENSE FEES

It is the duty of the County Assessor to collect a head tax of \$3.00 on each dog, six months or older, and to collect an additional \$3.00 per dog in Morgantown, Westover, Star City and Granville. Persons with vicious dogs kept for protection, must pay an additional \$10.00 per dog in addition to the regular dog tax.

The Assessor will issue a metal tag for each \$3.00 tax paid and for each \$10.00 vicious dog tax. The tax tags and tags issued for rabies must be worn by the dog at all times.

Unlicensed dogs found by the County Dog Warden will be impounded. Owners are subject to fines and pound fees in addition to payment of unpaid taxes. The County Commission has directed the Assessor, Sheriff and Dog Warden to strictly enforce all dog laws.

County Commission 304, 291-7257

Asel Kennedy, President  
Robert Bell, Commissioner  
Bill Bartolo, Commissioner  
Diane DeMedici, Co Administrator

Canine Adoption Center 304, 291-7267  
Call for Hours of Operation  
Located on the River Road

For Emergencies Call 9-1-1

## KNOW THE LAW!!

*It is estimated that there are 25,000 dogs living in Monongalia County.*

*Only 11,000 of them are licensed, and according to records, only a small portion have had rabies shots.*

*This creates a considerable risk.*

*Owners of dogs running loose have paid up to \$117.00 in costs to retrieve their pets.*

*Some dogs have attacked people and ended up being destroyed.*

*If you have pets, you should take good care of them.*

*And you should make sure they don't run loose... it could end up being very costly in more ways than one.*

## LEASH LAW

Restricting dogs from running at large in Monongalia County, West Virginia



*Monongalia County, West Virginia, passed an ordinance effective 6/22/95 restricting dogs from running at large (under the authority of West Virginia Code Chapter 19, Article 20A, Section 8), because: large numbers of dogs were running loose, forming packs in some instances; smaller pets were attacked and/or killed; children bitten going to and from school; citizens were reluctant to allow their children to play on their own property; citizens felt it necessary to arm themselves with sticks or mace when walking in their neighborhoods; and there were numerous complaints about property damage by dogs running at large.*

All dog owners are urged to protect their animals and themselves from liability by following the ordinance described herein.

Monongalia County Commission  
Courthouse, Morgantown, WV 26505  
304-291-7281 County Administrator