



CITY OF WHITEHALL DIVISION OF POLICE

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Declared Vicious Dog Registration

Owner/Keeper/Harbinger Information

Name		Address	
Telephone #	Alt. Telephone #	Date of Birth	SSN

Vicious Dog Information

Name	Breed	Age	Sex	Color	
Microchip #	County License #		Exp Date	Rabies Tag #	Exp Date

Registration requirements:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of spaying or neutering | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Rabies Tag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Microchip | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of County License |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide identifying pictures of vicious dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Liability Insurance |

- The owner, keeper, or harbinger of the declared vicious dog must also notify the Whitehall Division of Police if the dog has attacked a person.

The dog has has not attacked a person (check one box).

- I certify I have and will maintain the required \$100,000.00 liability insurance.
- I certify that when outside on my premises, the dog is securely confined in a locked pen or within a locked, fenced yard that meets the legal requirements.

I certify that the information provided in this registration and the documentation provided with this registration is true and to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the requirements set forth in section 505.15 of the Whitehall Codified Ordinance.

Owner/Keeper/Harbinger Signature _____
Date

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this ____ day of _____, ____

Notary Public _____
Date



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Compliance Overview of Chapter 505, Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall Titled “Animals” as it pertains to Dangerous and Vicious Dogs

Hearing, Determination and Appeal Process

If the City becomes aware that a dog has been involved in an incident that could result in a determination that the dog is either a dangerous or vicious dog, it shall conduct a hearing to make such a determination.

If the City becomes aware that a dog is a vicious dog as declared by the Ohio Revised Code, it shall conduct a hearing to make such a determination.

The hearing shall be conducted upon notice to the dog’s owner, keeper or harborer.

The hearing notice shall be provided in writing at least 5 days in advance of the hearing.

The hearing shall be conducted before the Dangerous and Vicious Dog Appeals Board.

The dog’s owner, keeper or harborer shall have the opportunity to present information to the Board in support of their contention that the dog is not dangerous or vicious.

The dog’s owner, keeper or harborer who fails respond to the notice or appear at the hearing is deemed to have waived the right to a hearing.

Within 15 days of the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall issue the Board’s determination to the dog’s owner, keeper or harborer.

The dog’s owner, keeper or harborer shall be responsible for the hearing expenses.

Dangerous Dog

A **declared dangerous dog**, while outside but on its own premises, must be securely confined in a locked pen with a top, or locked in a yard with a six foot fence. The confinement must

- conspicuously display a dangerous dog sign;
- be humane and protect the dog from the elements;
- prevent the dog from escaping;
- prevent entry of young children and unauthorized public contact with the dog.

A **declared dangerous dog**, while off its premises, must be kept on a chain-link leash or tether with a fixed length of not more than 4 feet, as well as at least one of the following:

- keep the dog in a locked pen, locked fenced yard, or other locked enclosure 6 feet in height;
- have the leash or tether
 - controlled by a person 18 years of age or older and physically capable of controlling the dog, or
 - securely affixed to the ground or stationary object with said adult in close proximity to keep the dog from harming anyone or anything; or
- have the dog muzzled in accordance with the law.

For liability purposes, the owner of any residence or the tenant of any residence may be considered the owner/keeper or harbinger of any **declared dangerous dog** that resides on the premises.

Vicious Dog

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 - securely affixed to the ground or stationary object with said adult in close proximity to keep the dog from harming anyone or anything; or
- have the dog muzzled in accordance with the law; and
- when the dog is being transported in a vehicle, open bed truck or other conveyance, keep it confined in a locked crate or cage capable of preventing escape, and constructed so a child cannot penetrate the barricade with a hand, and posted with a sign stating 'vicious dog' in both symbols and words.

The owner, keeper or harbinger of a **declared vicious dog** must

- obtain a \$100,000.00 liability insurance policy to cover damage, bodily injury or death of a person caused by said vicious dog;
- have a veterinarian insert a uniquely identifying microchip into the dog;

- provide documentation from the veterinarian describing the information on the microchip to the City's Division of Police;
- provide the microchip information within 30 days of the Board's declaration unless an appeal is filed with the Board and a stay of this requirement is granted;
- provide identifying photos of the dog to the City's Division of Police;
- have the dog spayed or neutered within 30 days of notice of the Board's declaration;
- provide proof of the spaying or neutering to the City's Division of Police;
- notify the City's Division of Police if the dog has attacked any person;
- within 10 days of transfer of ownership of the dog, obtain a free transfer form from Franklin County Animal Control, complete said form, and furnish a copy to the transferee, to the board of health district in which the transferee resides, and to the dog warden of the county in which the transferee resides.

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Please note: *This Overview is not all encompassing. It's intended to provide a brief summary of the requirements for dangerous and vicious dogs. Please acquire copies of the below listed ordinances from the City Council Clerk to view the entire law pertaining to dangerous and vicious dogs and zoning requirements. Criminal penalties attach to most of these requirements.*

Whitehall Codified Ordinance sections 505.14, 505.15 and 1125.06