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NEW DOG LICENSES

Effective January 1, 2011 New York State will no longer manage dog license renewal notices. With this change, the State has assigned responsibility for this process to local municipalities and Counties.

Costs for the program that were previously borne by the State are now the responsibility of local governments. These costs include recordkeeping, supplies and postage for renewal notices, preparation and mailing of renewal notices and collar tags.

The Town of Lima is preparing for this change and ordering required supplies in order to begin the new program in January. The new fees are \$8 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$16 for unsprayed/unneutered. Please be assured that rates are established to cover only actual costs of the program, including amounts remitted to the State and the County for dog control services.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS: Please bring your existing license tag to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible to be replaced with a new Town-County tag. This will ensure your dog can be located should he/she becomes lost.

Thank you for your prompt assistance with this matter. I apologize for any inconvenience this may be.

Truly,

Jennifer Shanks
Town Clerk

PS. Please contact my office in 1 week for an update on tags, as our office has yet to receive the new Town/County tags. Thank you!