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Auditor Warns of Dog License Scams *Fraudulent Websites Discovered*

Mahoning County – Mahoning County Auditor Ralph Meacham is warning county residents to beware of fraudulent websites claiming to sell county dog licenses.

At least two fake websites have been discovered, including **ohdog-license.com** and **ohiodoglicense.com**.

These sites claim to sell dog licenses for all Ohio counties; however, no dog licenses are sold for the entire state. Dog licensing is handled on a county level. Renewal notices were mailed by the Auditor's Office on Friday December 6, 2019 for Mahoning County. Auditor Meacham is urging residents to let dog owners know now is the time to renew and only directly through the County.

In Mahoning County, all **new** dog licenses **must** be purchased in person at one of the agents on the attached list or through the mail to the Auditor's Office or Dog Warden's Office. Dog licenses can be renewed the same way, but the only website to **renew** a dog license online is the Mahoning County Auditor's website at <https://dogtags.mahoningcountyoh.gov/>.

"It is unfortunate that these types of scams exist, but as Auditor, my staff and I are always working to protect the taxpayers and residents of Mahoning County," Meacham stated.

Auditor Meacham encourages taxpayers to call his office if they encounter any websites that appear to be fraudulent. Staff is always available to verify if a site is an official county website.

MAHONING COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DOG WARDEN

1230 N. Meridian Rd., Youngstown Ohio 44509

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2020 DOG LICENSE AGENTS

YOUNGSTOWN LOCATIONS:

Mahoning County Auditors***
Mahoning County Courthouse
120 Market St.
Youngstown, OH 44503
330-740-2010

Dog Warden***
1230 N Meridian Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44509
330-740-2205

Union Square License
Union Square Plaza
667 Gypsy Lane
Youngstown, OH 44507
330-746-4621

Southside License
3623 Market St.
Youngstown, OH 44507
330-783-3223

Westside License
2950 Mahoning Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44509
330-799-9747

LAKE MILTON LOCATION:

Lake Milton Pharmacy
17674 Mahoning Ave.
Lake Milton, OH 44429
330-538-2517

STRUTHERS/POLAND LOCATION:

Becker Pet Funeral Services**
123 Poland Ave.
Struthers, OH 44471
330-750-1393

Poland License**
3057 Center Rd., Suite C
Poland, OH 44514
330-707-9268

CANFIELD LOCATIONS:

Agland Co-op
364 Lisbon St.
Canfield, OH 44406
330-533-5551

Angels for Animals***
4750 ST. RT. 165
Canfield, OH 44406
330-549-1111

BOARDMAN LOCATION:

Boardman License**
Boardman Plaza
229 Boardman-Canfield Rd.
Boardman, OH 44512
330-758-1988

Do-Cut Sales & Service
1401 Boardman-Canfield Rd.
Boardman, OH 44512
330-953-3423

SEBRING LOCATION:

Leonard Hardware Co. **
145 N. 15th
Sebring, Ohio 44672
330-938-6329

*Angels – License sales only during public hours
Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Noon – 6 PM
Friday: Noon – 8 PM
Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM

** These agents sell licenses all year with penalty only

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