

**UNALTERED FELINE PERMIT
FELINE BREEDING PERMIT
FACT SHEET**

Who must obtain these permits?

- If you own a cat that is more than six months old that has not been spayed or neutered, you must obtain an *unaltered feline permit* unless you can produce a written statement from a licensed veterinarian that spaying or neutering the cat would be inappropriate because of the cat's age or health.
- If you own a cat that is not spayed or neutered because you intend to breed the cat, you must obtain a *feline breeding permit*.

You are considered the "owner" of a cat if you feed and care for the cat for 60 days or longer.

Permit fee: \$100 per year. The permit expires one year from the date it was issued and must be renewed every year.

Requirement for permit applications:

The applicant must submit written certification from the Richmond Tax Collector that the applicant is not in arrears on payment of any municipal taxes or fees.

Requirements for holding a permit:

You must obtain a separate permit for each cat you own. The permit is not transferrable.

The animal control officer may revoke your unaltered feline permit or your feline breeding permit for any of the following reasons:

- You have violated any town or state law or regulation concerning animal control or care.
- You refuse to allow the animal control officer to inspect the place where the cat is kept after the animal control officer has given you 48 hours written notice of his or her intention to inspect the premises.
- You no longer own the cat.

If the animal control officer believes any of those things have happened, you will receive written notice by mail. The notice will say why the permit is being revoked, and will state a day and time of an informal hearing before the animal control officer. If the animal control officer believes the cat's health or safety is in danger, the animal control officer can take custody of the cat immediately.

A breeding permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Kittens must be at least eight weeks old before they are sold or adopted.
- 2) Kittens must be immunized in accordance with DEM regulations.
- 3) Advertisements and bills of sale must include the breeding permit number.

<p>NOTE: This summary is for the convenience of applicants. For all the legal requirements of this license or permit, you should consult Ch. 6.10 of the Richmond Code of Ordinances and Title 4, Ch. 24 of the R.I. General Laws.</p>
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Town Clerk's Permit Application Checklist

Applicant:

Date of Application:

TAXES: Richmond Tax Collector's certificate that applicant's taxes are current.	
LICENSE FEE: <input type="checkbox"/> Feline Breeding Permit - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered Feline Permit - \$100	
ACO: Written approval from the Animal Control Officer	



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO KEEP UNALTERED FELINE

Date of application: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Name: _____		Phone: _____
Street Address: _____		
Mailing Address: _____		
Tax Assessor's Plat and Lot number: _____		
Cat's name: _____		Date of birth or estimated age: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female		Date of last rabies vaccination: _____
Breed: _____		
Color and identifying marks: _____		
<p>The undersigned, being duly sworn, upon oath does depose and say:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The information on this application is true and correct. 2. I am in compliance with all town, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and regulations. 3. I understand that I will not be allowed to breed this cat without a breeding permit. 		
SIGNATURE _____		
PRINT NAME _____		
Sworn and subscribed to before me at _____, County of _____, State of Rhode Island, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.		
_____ Notary Public Print name: _____ My commission expires / /		

The Town Clerk will forward this application to the Animal Control Officer for investigation and approval. The Animal Control Officer may contact the applicant for additional information or may ask the applicant to appear in person before approving the application. After completing the investigation, the Animal Control Officer will return the application to the Town Clerk, who will issue the permit.

OFFICE USE ONLY

I authorize the Town Clerk to issue this permit.	
<i>Signature of Animal Control Officer:</i>	
<i>DATE:</i>	
Date permit issued: _____	Fee paid: _____
Date permit expires: _____	Permit issued by: _____
Permit number: _____	