



Ohio Revised Code Section 956.07 Application fees.

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(A) A person who is applying for an annual license to operate a high volume breeder or to act as or perform the functions of a dog broker under section 956.04 or 956.05 of the Revised Code, as applicable, shall include with the application for a license a nonrefundable license application fee. The application fees are as follows:

(1) For a high volume breeder:

(a) One hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder annually sells at least forty, but not more than sixty puppies to the public;

(b) Two hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder annually sells at least sixty-one, but not more than one hundred fifty puppies to the public;

(c) Three hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder annually sells at least one hundred fifty-one, but not more than two hundred fifty puppies to the public;

(d) Five hundred dollars if the high volume breeder annually sells at least two hundred fifty-one, but not more than three hundred fifty puppies to the public;

(e) Seven hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder annually sells three hundred fifty-one or more puppies to the public;

(f) If divisions (A)(1)(a) to (e) of this section do not apply, one hundred and fifty dollars if either of the following applies:

(i) The high volume breeder sells five or more adult dogs or puppies to a dog broker or pet store.

(ii) The high volume breeder keeps, houses, and maintains, at any given time in a calendar year,



more than forty puppies that are under four months of age, that have been bred on the premises of the establishment, and that have been primarily kept, housed, and maintained from birth on the premises of the establishment.

(2) For a dog broker, five hundred dollars.

(B) Money collected by the director of agriculture from each application fee submitted under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the commercial dog breeding fund created in section 956.18 of the Revised Code. The director shall use fifty dollars of the application fee submitted by a high volume breeder under this section or an amount equal to the fee charged for the registration of a kennel under section 955.14 of the Revised Code in the county in which the high volume breeder is located or will be located, whichever is greater, to reimburse that county. The county auditor shall deposit the transferred money into that county's dog and kennel fund created under section 955.20 of the Revised Code.