

This form is used to request a hearing to appeal the classification of a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog.

There is a filing fee that will need to be paid when the request is filed. You can find a current list of Civil Fees on our [website](#) or you may contact the Clerk's Office at 419-424-7143 for additional information.

The filing fee and the form will need to be submitted to the Findlay Municipal Court Clerk's Office – Civil Division. When submitting the form, be sure to attach a copy of the classification paperwork that you received from the Hancock County Dog Warden.

There are several options for paying the filing fee and submitting the paperwork:

- 1) The filing fee can be [paid online](#). In the case number field, please put "Appeal of Dog Designation". You will still need to timely file the form with the clerk's office either by mail or in person.
- 2) By mail with a check or money order (DO NOT send cash in the mail).
- 3) In person at the clerk's office using cash, check, money order or credit card.

**Mailing Address:**

Findlay Municipal Court, Civil Division  
PO BOX 826  
Findlay, OH 45839

Once the appeal and filing fee have been received by the Court, a hearing date will be scheduled and a hearing notice will be mailed to the address you provided to the Court.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF FINDLAY, OHIO

IN RE: \_\_\_\_\_ :

Dog Name \_\_\_\_\_ :

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ :

PETITIONER, \_\_\_\_\_ :

-vs- \_\_\_\_\_ :

Hancock County Dog Warden \_\_\_\_\_ :

RESPONDENT. \_\_\_\_\_ :

Atty: PHILLIP RIEGLE, COUNTY PROSECUTOR  
222 BROADWAY, ROOM 104  
FINDLAY, OHIO 45840

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST FOR HEARING TO APPEAL THE  
CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCE DOG,  
DANGEROUS DOG, OR VICIOUS DOG

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 955.222 I state I am the Owner, Keeper, or Harbinger of the above named dog and am I requesting a hearing to appeal the finding of a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog classification placed upon the above named dog. I understand that until the court makes a final determination and during the pendency of any appeal, the dog shall be confined or restrained in accordance with the provisions of division (D) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code that apply to dangerous dogs regardless of whether the dog has been designated as a vicious dog or a nuisance dog rather than a dangerous dog.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number