

**TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET**  
**Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**  
**(Amendment)**

**301 KAR 5:022. License, tag, and permit fees.**

RELATES TO: KRS 150.025, 150.180, 150.183, 150.240, 150.275, 150.280, 150.290, 150.450, 150.485, 150.520, 150.525, 150.600, 150.603, 150.660, 150.720

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.175, 150.195(4)(f), 150.225, 150.620

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.175 authorizes the types of licenses, permits, and tags. KRS 150.195(4)(f) requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the license and permit terms and the expiration date of licenses and permits. KRS 150.225 requires the department to promulgate administrative regulations establishing reasonable license fees relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to charge reasonable fees for the use of lands and waters it has acquired for wildlife management and public recreation. This administrative regulation establishes fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags.

Section 1. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid from March 1 through the last day of February the following year, except the senior lifetime sportsman's license shall be valid for the life of the license holder while the license holder maintains Kentucky residency.

(1) Sport fishing licenses:

- (a) Statewide annual fishing license (resident): twenty-three (23) dollars;
- (b) Statewide annual fishing license (nonresident): fifty-five (55) dollars;
- (c) Joint married couple statewide fishing license (resident): forty-two (42) dollars;
- (d) Statewide three (3) year fishing license (resident): fifty-five (55) dollars; and
- (e) Trout permit: ten (10) dollars.

(2) Commercial fishing licenses:

- (a) Commercial fishing license (resident), plus ten (10) resident commercial gear tags: \$150;
- (b) Commercial fishing license (nonresident), plus ten (10) nonresident commercial gear tags: \$600; and
- (c) Commercial fishing license for Asian carp and scaled rough fish (nonresident), plus ten (10) nonresident gear tags: \$150.

(3) Commercial fishing gear tags (shall not be sold singly):

- (a) Commercial fishing gear tags (resident) block of ten (10) tags: fifteen (15) dollars;
- (b) Commercial fishing gear tags (nonresident) block of ten (10) tags: \$100; and
- (c) Commercial fishing gear tags for Asian carp and scaled rough fish (nonresident), block of ten (10) tags: fifteen (15) dollars.

(4) Hunting licenses:

- (a) Statewide hunting license (resident): twenty-seven (27) dollars;
- (b) Statewide hunting license (nonresident): \$160;
- (c) Statewide youth hunting license (resident): six (6) dollars;
- (d) Statewide youth hunting license (nonresident): ten (10) dollars;
- (e) Shooting preserve hunting license: five (5) dollars; and
- (f) Migratory bird and waterfowl permit: fifteen (15) dollars.

(5) Combination hunting and fishing license (resident): forty-two (42) dollars.

(6) Sportsman's licenses:

- (a) Sportsman's license (resident), which includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and

waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit: ninety-five (95) dollars;

(b) Youth sportsman's license (resident), which may be issued to a person before he or she has reached his or her sixteenth birthday and for which the privileges remain valid through the end of the applicable license year, and which includes a statewide hunting license, a statewide deer permit, a spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, migratory game bird and waterfowl permit, statewide annual fishing license, and a Ballard WMA waterfowl hunt permit valid for all days the license holder lawfully waterfowl hunts at Ballard WMA: thirty (30) dollars;

(c) Senior sportsman's licenses, which include a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit. Senior licenses shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of their Kentucky residency and proof of age on the holder's person while performing an act authorized by the license:

1. Annual senior sportsman's license (resident): twelve (12) dollars; and

2. Senior lifetime sportsman's license (resident): \$180;

(d) Disabled sportsman's license (resident), which includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird, waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit: twelve (12) dollars.

(7) Trapping licenses:

(a) Trapping license (resident): twenty (20) dollars;

(b) Trapping license (resident landowner – tenant): ten (10) dollars;

(c) Trapping license (nonresident): \$130; and

(d) Youth trapping license (resident): five (5) dollars.

(8) Game permits:

(a) Bear permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(b) Youth bear permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(c) Bear chase permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(d) Youth bear chase permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(e) Combination bear permit (resident), which includes a bear permit and a bear chase permit: fifty (50) dollars;

(f) Bear permit (nonresident): \$250;

(g) Youth bear permit (nonresident): \$100;

(h) Bear chase permit (nonresident): fifty (50) dollars;

(i) Youth bear chase permit (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;

(j) Quota cow elk permit (resident): sixty (60) dollars;

(k) Quota cow elk permit (nonresident): \$400;

(l) Quota bull elk permit (resident): \$100;

(m) Quota bull elk permit (nonresident): \$550;

(n) Quota either sex archery and crossbow elk permit (resident): \$100;

(o) Quota either sex archery and crossbow elk permit (nonresident): \$550.

(p) Out-of-zone elk permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(q) Out-of-zone elk permit (nonresident): \$400;

(r) Statewide deer permit (resident): thirty-five (35) dollars;

(s) Statewide deer permit (nonresident): \$235;

(t) Statewide youth deer permit (resident), valid for taking four (4) deer: ten (10) dollars;

(u) Statewide youth deer permit (nonresident), valid for taking four (4) deer: fifteen (15) dollars;

(v) Additional deer permit: fifteen (15) dollars;

(w) Spring turkey permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(x) Spring turkey permit (nonresident): \$110;

(y) Fall turkey permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

- (z) Fall turkey permit (nonresident): \$110;
- (aa) Youth turkey permit (resident), valid for taking one (1) wild turkey during spring or fall seasons: ten (10) dollars;
- (bb) Youth turkey permit (nonresident), valid for taking one (1) wild turkey during spring or fall seasons: fifteen (15) dollars;
- (cc) Quota youth elk permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars; and
- (dd) Quota youth elk permit (nonresident): \$200.
- (9) Peabody WMA user permit: fifteen (15) dollars.
- (10) Land Between the Lakes hunting permit: as stated at [landbetweenthelakes.us](http://landbetweenthelakes.us).
- (11) Conservation permit: five (5) dollars.
- (12) Bobcat hunting permit: Free.
- (13) Commercial guide licenses:
  - (a) Commercial guide license (resident): \$150; and
  - (b) Commercial guide license (nonresident): \$400.
- (14) Experimental commercial fishing methods program permits:
  - (a) Tier I experimental commercial fishing methods program permit (resident): \$800;
  - (b) Tier I experimental commercial fishing methods program permit (nonresident): \$1,600;
  - (c) Tier II experimental commercial fishing methods program permit (resident): \$1,200; and
  - (d) Tier II experimental commercial fishing methods program permit (nonresident): \$2,400.

Section 2. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for the calendar year issued.

- (1) Live fish and bait dealer's licenses:
  - (a) Live fish and bait dealer's license (resident): fifty (50) dollars; and
  - (b) Live fish and bait dealer's license (nonresident): \$150.
- (2) Commercial taxidermist license: \$150.
- (3) Shooting area permit: \$150.
- (4) Dog training area permit: fifty (50) dollars.
- (5) Collecting permits:
  - (a) Educational wildlife collecting permit: twenty-five (25) dollars; and
  - (b) Scientific wildlife collecting permit: \$100.
- (6) Nuisance wildlife control operator's permit: \$100.
- (7) Pay lake license:
  - (a) Pay lakes obtaining all fish from private hatcheries only:
    - 1. Lakes with two (2) acres or less: \$250; and
    - 2. Each additional acre or part of an acre: Fifty (50) dollars; and
  - (b) Pay lakes obtaining all or a portion of catfish from public waters:
    - 1. Lakes with two (2) acres or less: \$600; and
    - 2. Each additional acre or part of an acre: fifty (50) dollars.
- (8) Commercial captive wildlife permit: \$150.
- (9) Commercial fish propagation permit: fifty (50) dollars.
- (10) Wildlife rehabilitator's permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (11) Annual wildlife transportation permit: \$250.
- (12) Peabody Wildlife Management Area annual event permit: \$250.

Section 3. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of issue.

- (1) Falconry permit: seventy-five (75) dollars.
- (2) Noncommercial captive wildlife permit: seventy-five (75) dollars.

Section 4. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for the date or dates specified on each.

- (1) Short-term licenses:
  - (a) One (1) day fishing license (resident): seven (7) dollars;
  - (b) One (1) day fishing license (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;
  - (c) Seven (7) day fishing license (nonresident): thirty-five (35) dollars;
  - (d) One (1) day hunting license (resident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): seven (7) dollars;
  - (e) One (1) day hunting license (nonresident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): twenty-five (25) dollars; and
  - (f) Seven (7) day hunting license (nonresident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): sixty-five (65) dollars.
- (2) Individual wildlife transportation permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (3) Special resident commercial fishing permit: \$600.
- (4) Special nonresident commercial fishing permit: \$900.
- (5) Commercial waterfowl shooting area permit: \$150.
- (6) Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits:
  - (a) Per trial (maximum four (4) days): seventy-five (75) dollars; and
  - (b) Single day: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (7) Boat dock permit: \$100 per ten (10) year permit period beginning January 1, 2008, except that the fee shall be pro-rated for the number of years remaining in the ten (10) year period.
- (8) Shoreline use permit: Valid for a fifteen (15) year permit period beginning January 1, 2010, pro-rated to the nearest five (5) year interval remaining in the fifteen (15) year period, and containing three (3) tiers, including:
  - (a) Tier I: \$100;
  - (b) Tier II: \$200; and
  - (c) Tier III: \$300.
- (9) Peabody individual event permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (10) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit:
  - (a) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit (resident): \$500; and
  - (b) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit (nonresident): \$1,000.
- (11) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit:
  - (a) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit (resident): \$500; and
  - (b) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit (nonresident): \$1,500.
- (12) Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:
  - (a) Daily Entry Permit: three (3) dollars, with children under twelve (12) free; and
  - (b) Daily Special Activities Permit: seven (7) dollars.
- (13) Commercial foxhound training enclosure permit: \$150.
- (14) Noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (15) ~~[(14)]~~ Fish transportation permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.

Section 5. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid on a per-unit basis as specified.

- (1) Ballard WMA waterfowl hunt permit (per person, per day; youths under age sixteen (16) exempted): fifteen (15) dollars.
- (2) Pheasant hunt permit (per person, per day): twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (3) Horse stall rental (per space, per day): two (2) dollars.
- (4) Dog kennel rental (per dog, per day): fifty (50) cents.
- (5) Captive cervid permit (per facility, per year): \$150.
- (6) Noncommercial captive cervid permit (per facility, per three (3) years): seventy-five (75) dollars.

Section 6. The following licenses listed in this section shall be valid from April 1 through March 31 of the following year:

- (1) Fur processor's license (resident): \$150;
- (2) Fur buyer's license (resident): fifty (50) dollars; and
- (3) Fur buyer's license (nonresident): \$300.

Section 7. The following Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area permits shall be valid from July 1 through June 30 of the following year:

- (1) Annual Entry Permit: thirty (30) dollars, with children under twelve (12) free; and
- (2) Annual Special Activities Permit: seventy (70) dollars.

Section 8. The following non-refundable application fees listed in this section shall be valid for the application to hunt in a department administered quota hunt or for a chance to be drawn for permits as specified.

- (1) Pheasant quota hunt application fee: three (3) dollars.
- (2) Antlered elk firearms quota hunt application fee: ten (10) dollars.
- (3) Antlerless elk firearms quota hunt application fee: ten (10) dollars.
- (4) Either-sex elk archery and crossbow quota hunt application fee: ten (10) dollars.
- (5) Youth quota elk hunt application fee: ten (10) dollars.
- (6) Deer quota hunt application fee: three (3) dollars.
- (7) Waterfowl quota hunt application fee: three (3) dollars.
- (8) Sandhill crane quota hunt application fee: three (3) dollars.
- (9) Elk hunt sweepstakes and premium combination big game permit application fee:
  - (a) Five (5) dollars for residents and ten (10) dollars for one (1) application;
  - (b) Ten (10) dollars for residents and twenty (20) dollars for nonresidents per bundle of three (3) applications; and
  - (c) Twenty-five (25) dollars for residents and fifty (50) dollars for nonresidents per bundle of ten (10) applications.
- (10) Standard combination big game permit application fee:
  - (a) Three (3) dollars for residents and six (6) dollars for nonresidents for one (1) application;
  - (b) Eight (8) dollars for residents and sixteen (16) dollars for nonresidents per bundle of three (3) applications; and
  - (c) Twenty (20) dollars for residents and forty (40) dollars for nonresidents per bundle of ten (10) applications.

*RICH STORM, Commissioner*

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FILED WITH LRC: December 12, 2024 at 2:22 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on February 27, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at KDFWR Administration Building, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through February 28, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jenny Gilbert, Legislative Liaison, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, 1 Sportsman's Lane, (502) 564-3400, fax: (502) 564-0506, email:

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## REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

**Contact Person:**Jenny Gilbert

**(1) Provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) What this administrative regulation does:**

This administrative regulation establishes fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags sold by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

**(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:**

This administrative regulation is necessary for the department to establish reasonable license fees, permit terms, and the expiration dates of licenses and permits.

**(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 150.175 authorizes the types of licenses, permits, and tags that the department can issue. KRS 150.195(4)(f) requires the department to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the license and permit terms and the expiration date of licenses and permits. KRS 150.225 requires the Department to prescribe reasonable fees for licenses, permits, and registrations authorized by Chapter 150. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to charge reasonable fees for the use of lands and waters it has acquired for wildlife management and public recreation.

**(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This administrative regulation fulfills the requirements and purposes of the statutes identified in (1)(c) by establishing reasonable fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags issued by the Department.

**(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:**

This amendment creates a noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit to allow operation of foxhound enclosures of 40 to 200 acres.

**(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:**

This amendment is necessary to create the new noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit. These smaller enclosures were previously permitted under 301 KAR 2:081, however, they are being moved to 301 KAR 2:041 with other foxhound training enclosure regulations.

**(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

See (1)(c) above.

**(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

See (1)(d) above.

**(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:**

Those who wish to operate foxhound training enclosures of 40 to 200 acres will be able to obtain a noncommercial foxhound training permit to do so legally.

**(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:**

**(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:**

Purchasers of the above permit will be allowed to operate foxhound training enclosures of 40 to 200 acres.

**(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3):**

The annual fee for a noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit is \$25.

**(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3):**

People may operate foxhound training enclosures of 40 to 200 acres.

**(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:**

**(a) Initially:**

There will be no cost to the department to implement this administrative regulation.

**(b) On a continuing basis:**

There will be no additional cost to the department on a continuing basis beyond routine permit application review, issuance of permits, and enforcement.

**(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation:**

The source of funding is the State Game and Fish Fund.

**(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:**

This amendment establishes a new \$25 annual permit but removes the previous requirement of a \$75 dollar permit required every three years.

**(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:**

This amendment establishes a new \$25 annual permit but removes the previous requirement of a \$75 dollar permit required every three years.

**(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied?**

No. Tiering is not applied because every eligible person will have to pay the same price for each particular permit issued.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation.**

KRS 150.175, 150.195, 150.225, and 150.620.

**(2) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:**

KDFWR will be impacted by this amendment.

**(a) Estimate the following for the first year:**

**Expenditures:** There should be no additional expenditures for the first year.

**Revenues:** Revenues should remain static as the requirement of a \$75 permit every three years was eliminated and replaced with the requirement of a \$25 permit annually.

**Cost Savings:** There should not be any cost savings for the first year.

**(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years?**

Subsequent years should be roughly equal to the first year in regards to expenditures, revenues, and cost savings.

**(3) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):**

**(a) Estimate the following for the first year:**

**Expenditures:** n/a

**Revenues:** n/a

**Cost Savings:** n/a

**(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years?**

n/a

**(4) Identify additional regulated entities not listed in questions (2) or (3):**

Foxhound training enclosure operators purchasing the noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit.

**(a) Estimate the following for the first year:**

**Expenditures:** \$25 permit fee

**Revenues:** This permit is for noncommercial activities only.

**Cost Savings:** None anticipated, n/a

**(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years?**

Subsequent years should be roughly equal to the first year in regard to expenditures, revenues, and cost savings.

**(5) Provide a narrative to explain the:**

**(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:**

n/a These enclosures are privately owned and operated. This administrative regulation has minimal fiscal impact.

**(b) Methodology and resources used to determine the fiscal impact:**

There will be no additional costs to administer this regulation.

**(6) Explain:**

**(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have an overall negative or adverse major economic impact to the entities identified in questions (2) - (4). (\$500,000 or more, in aggregate)**

No negative economic impact anticipated considering the \$25 permit application fee and no substantial increase in time for issuing permits and enforcement.

**(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

There will be no additional costs to administer this regulation.