

CITY OF RICHMOND

**ANIMAL, BIRD & BEEKEEPING REGULATION
BYLAW NO. 7137, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7211**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Part Two of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following section:

2.1A Cats

2.1A.1 Owner Obligations

2.1A.1.1 Every **owner** of a **cat** must:

- (a) ensure that such **cat** bears sufficient identification to enable any person finding the **cat** to contact the **owner**;
- (b) where such **cat** is actually or apparently over six months of age, ensure that such **cat** has been spayed or neutered, as applicable, by a veterinarian, unless the **owner** holds a valid **cat** breeding permit for the **cat**; and
- (c) ensure that where such **cat** is not spayed or neutered, such **cat** is not permitted to be **running at large**.

2.1A.1.2 The identification required under clause (a) of subsection 2.1A.1.1 may take the form of, but is not limited to, a collar and tag, tattoo, or microchip implant.

2.1A.2 Cat Breeding Permits

2.1A.2.1 Every **owner** of an un-spayed **cat** who offers to sell, give away, or otherwise transfer ownership or dispose of the offspring of such **cat** must:

- (a) obtain a **cat** breeding permit in accordance with the provisions of subsection 2.1A.2.2; and
- (b) include the number of such **cat** breeding permit in any advertisement regarding the offspring.

2.1A.2.2 The **Contractor** may:

- (a) prescribe the form of application required by any person who wishes to obtain a **cat** breeding permit; and

(b) upon receiving an appropriate application form and the fees for a **cat** breeding permit specified in Schedule A, issue a **cat** breeding permit, valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance.

2.1A.2.3 The penalty for violating clause (c) of subsection 2.1A.1.1 may be waived by the **Contractor**, upon having been provided proof, within 30 days after the date the citation was issued, that the **cat** has been spayed or neutered.

2. Part Eight of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the word "Dog" in parentheses after "Running At Large" and adding the following in the appropriate alphabetical order:

CAT means a **household pet** of the feline species and includes a kitten.

RUNNING AT LARGE (CAT) means being elsewhere than on the premises of the **owner** while not under the control of the **owner** by leash, cord, chain, or other similar means of physical restraint that is not more than eight feet in length.

3. Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding:

3. Cat Breeding Permit Fee

Permit for three years \$35

4. This bylaw is cited as "**Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137, Amendment Bylaw No. 7211**".

FIRST READING

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SECOND READING

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THIRD READING

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