

City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date: April 27, 2005

From:

Don Pearson

File:

Manager, Community Bylaws

Re:

Animal Control, Dog Licencing & MTI Bylaw Amendments

Staff Recommendation

THAT the following bylaws be introduced and given first, second and third readings:

- 1) Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932;
- 2) Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138, Amendment Bylaw No. 7933, to implement a number of amendments to (i) bring the bylaw up to date and to ensure consistency within the bylaw, and (ii) increase dog licence fees;
- 3) Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7934, to increase fines and to add new fine sections relating to the welfare/care of an animal and the safety of the public; and, in addition,

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Manager, Community Bylaws

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Staff Report

Origin

On January 11, 2005 the City of Richmond entered into a two-year contract agreement (ending August 31, 2006) for the SPCA to provide pound and shelter services at the City's Animal Shelter. As part of this agreement staff was to review the animal control bylaws and associated impound and boarding fees.

The Community Safety Committee has also requested that staff report on any appropriate adjustments to the fines included in the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw.

Analysis

Since September 2004, the Community Bylaws staff have been monitoring and enforcing animal control bylaws. The amendments proposed in this report reflect the concerns identified by staff, suggestions from the public and housekeeping proposals, to clarify the intent of some provisions of the bylaws.

There are new sections relating to the control of animals in and around public places and to increase an owner's responsibility for the actions of their pet. There is a new section holding an owner responsible should their animal kill, hurt and harass a person or another animal. Currently, the bylaw does not contain an offence where a dog bites an individual or attacks another dog and the only action that can be taken is to deem a dog dangerous. A number of the changes strengthen the leash requirements for dogs and a specific definition of a leash or leashed is now incorporated into the definitions within the Bylaw. The provisions regarding designated dog off-leash areas have been moved to a new subsection and the stipulation that no person may have more than three (3) dogs off leash at any one time has been included. A number of definitions have been added or altered for clarification of what is intended under the bylaw. Animal Control Bylaw No. 7932 will replace Animal, Bird and Beekeeping Bylaw No. 7137 and its amendments. The new name more accurately reflects the content of the bylaw and will allow for easier access by interested persons.

The impoundment fees charged by the SPCA have not been changed for a number of years. These fees have been adjusted to reflect increased costs incurred by the SPCA. These costs include the care and maintenance of the animals but also the increased labour costs and the operational expenses associated with the running of the shelter.

The Dog Licencing Bylaw has several housekeeping amendments to bring the bylaw up-to-date and to ensure consistency within the bylaw. For example, the licencing requirement for dogs was 8 weeks of age in one section and 6 months of age in another. The amendments will require a dog to have a licence when 8 weeks old. The provision to reduce the licence fee payable by seniors, while remaining in the bylaw, has been modified. The 50% reduction, for dogs licenced in the previous year, now extends only until February 28 (to encourage people to purchase a licence within a reasonable time in the new year). Where a dog is acquired by a senior after March 1st the 50% reduction would continue to apply, also the reduction is applied only to dogs that have been spayed or neutered.

Dog Licence fees are being increased to reflect fees charged in other municipalities in the Lower Mainland (Attachment 4). Schedule A which includes the fee structure for dogs continues to provide a discount for licences purchased prior to March 1st and there is a lower fee for spayed or neutered dogs. A new licence category, for a dangerous dog, has been added where the licence fee is significantly higher than for other dogs. The new fees for the dog licences will not take affect until 2006.

Fine increases and new fine sections have been recommended in the Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw for animal related bylaw violations. Where the offence relates to the welfare/care of the animal or the safety of the public the increases are significant. Other fines have been increased, but only marginally. Fines have been included, for the first time, regulating how pet stores house and sell animals.

With close to 5,000 dog licences already being sold in 2005 these bylaw changes will affect a significant number of residents. To inform people of these changes there will be a press release and information will be included in future city-wide mailings and on the City website.

In addition to the animal control bylaw changes this report is being used to increase the fines for three offences under the Public Health Protection Bylaw 6989 from \$100. to \$250. There has been an increase in the number of offences of smoking in locations where prohibited and these two fines are being increased to reflect the City's commitment to a smoke free environment. Also, the penalty for permitting an animal noise, which disturbs others in the community, is being increased.

Financial Impact

Increased impound and boarding fees will off set some of the SPCA's operating costs associated with housing stray animals. Increased dog licence fees will generate approximately \$40,000 in increased revenues to fund a dog management program (promoting animal awareness).

Conclusion

That the bylaw amendments included with this report be approved to enhance the tools available to animal control officers and to provide improved cost recovery for the sheltering of animals.

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Licence Fee	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00 \$ 15.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$34.00
1st Impound Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00 \$	\$ 30.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
2nd Impound Fee	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$55.00 \$ 60.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$10.00
3rd Impound Fee	\$160.00	\$250.00	\$105.00	\$140.00		\$75.00 \$ 90.00		\$80.00 \$150.00 \$70.00	\$70.00	\$100,00	\$130.00
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Animal Control Fees for the Lower Main Land

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Licence Fee	\$46.00	\$70.00	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$35.00 \$ 40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$45.00	\$54.00
1st Impound Fee	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00 \$ 60.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$260.00
2nd Impound Fee	\$180.00	\$250.00	\$70.00	\$140.00	\$80.00	\$80.00 \$ 90.00	no \$100.00 increase	no increase	no increase	\$60.00	\$60.00 no increase
3rd Impound Fee	\$340.00	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$100.00 \$ 120.00	no \$100.00 increase	no increase	no increase	no increase	no increase
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* includes an additional fee of \$20 (charged for unlicenced dogs in addition to the licencing fee).

Boarding Fees

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Boarding Fees	\$5.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$6.00 \$10.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$10.00



ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATION

BYLAW NO. 7932

EFFECTIVE DATE -

CITY OF RICHMOND

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ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7932

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

PART ONE: ANIMALS AND BIRDS - GENERAL

1.1 General Prohibition – All Animals and Birds

- 1.1.1 A person must not cause any animal or bird:
 - (a) to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object, where a choke collar or chain forms part of the securing apparatus; or
 - (b) to be confined in an enclosed space, including a vehicle, without adequate ventilation.
- 1.1.2 Every owner of an **animal**, must ensure that the **animal** does not:
 - (a) kill or injure a person or **animal**; or
 - (b) aggressively pursue or harass a person or **animal** without provocation.

1.2 Basic Animal and Bird Care Requirements

- 1.2.1 In addition to the requirements of section 1.1, a person must not keep an **animal** or bird unless such **animal** or bird is provided with:
 - (a) clean potable drinking water at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and the maintenance of normal body weight;
 - (b) food and water receptacles which are kept clean and disinfected, and located so as to avoid contamination by excreta;
 - (c) the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health, including the opportunity to be unfettered from a fixed area and exercised regularly under appropriate control; and
 - (d) necessary veterinary medical care when such **animal** or bird exhibits signs of pain or suffering.

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1.3 Keeping of Outdoor Animals and Birds

1.3.1 A person must not keep an **animal** or bird which normally resides outdoors, or which is kept outdoors for extended periods of time, unless such **animal** or bird is provided with an outdoor shelter:

- (a) which ensures protection from heat, cold and dampness that is appropriate to the weight and type of protective outer coat of such **animal**:
- (b) which provides sufficient shade to protect the **animal** from the direct rays of the sun at all times; and
- (c) which is cleaned and sanitized not less than daily, of all excrement.

1.4 Authority to Enter Onto Property

1.4.1 An **Animal Control Officer** or a **Police Officer** is authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, onto any property within the **City** to determine whether the provisions of this bylaw are being complied with.

1.5 Animals or Birds in Custody

1.5.1 A person must not rescue, or attempt to rescue any **animal** or bird lawfully in the custody of an **Animal Control Officer** or any **Police**Officer

PART TWO: HOUSEHOLD PETS

2.1 Maximum Number of Household Pets

- 2.1.1 Subject to the maximums per species in this Part and to any strata bylaw passed pursuant to the *Strata Property Act* respecting the number of **household pets** permitted in a strata unit, a person may keep:
 - (a) a maximum of five (5) **household pets** in a **one-family dwelling** or **two-family dwelling**; or
 - (b) a maximum of three (3) **household pets** in a **multiple-family dwelling**;
- 2.1.2 The limits prescribed in subsection 2.1.1 do not include any litter of **puppies** or **kittens**.

2.2 Cats

2.2.1 Owner Obligations

2.2.1.1 Every **owner** of a **cat** must:

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(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**.
- 2.2.1.2 The identification required under clause (a) of subsection 2.2.1.1 may take the form of, but is not limited to, a collar and tag, tattoo, or microchip implant.

2.2.2 Cat Breeding Permits

- 2.2.2.1 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 2.2.2.2; and
 - (b) include the number of such **cat** breeding permit in any advertisement regarding the offspring.

2.2.2.2 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.
- 2.2.2.3 The penalty for violating clause (c) of subsection 2.2.1.1 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.

2.3 Dogs

2.3.1 General Prohibition

- 2.3.1.1 A person in a one-family dwelling or a two-family dwelling must not permit more than three dogs to be kept in such dwelling at any time.
- 2.3.1.2 A person in a unit of a **multiple-family dwelling** must not permit more than two **dogs** to be kept in such unit at any time.

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2.3.1.3 The provisions of subsections 2.3.1.1 and 2.3.1.2, do not apply to the housing and training of **assistance dogs**.

2.3.2 Owner Obligations - Leashing

- 2.2.2.1 (a) Except as provided for in subsection 2.3.5 every **owner** of a **dog** must keep such dog on a **leash** at all times while on any street or in any public place.
 - (b) Except as provided for by subsection 2.3.5 no **owner** may permit their **dog** to **run at large**.

2.3.3 Owner Obligations - Cleaning Up

- 2.3.3.1 Every **owner** of a **dog** must ensure that any excrement deposited on any **parcel**, other than the **parcel** of the **owner**, is cleaned up immediately.
- 2.3.3.2 The provisions of subsection 2.3.3.1 apply to an **owner** regardless of whether or not the **dog** is under such **owner's** care and control at the time of a breach of the provisions of that subsection.
- 2.3.3.3 The provisions of subsections 2.3.3.1 and 2.3.3.2 do not apply to the **owner** of an **assistance dog**.

2.3.4 Owner Obligations – Confinement

- 2.3.4.1 Every **owner** of a **dog** must ensure that such **dog**, while on the premises **owned** or controlled by the **owner**, is securely confined to the premises.
- 2.3.4.2 Every **owner** of a **dangerous dog** must:
 - (a) ensure that such **dog** is not allowed on any street or in any public place, or any other place that is not **owned** or controlled by that person, unless such **dog** is:
 - (i) on a leash; and
 - (ii) **muzzled**; and
 - (iii) under the care and control of an owner; and
 - (b) keep such **dog** securely confined at all times, either indoors, or in an **enclosure**, while the **dog** is on the premises **owned** or controlled by such person.

2.3.5 **Designated Dog Off-Leash Areas**

- 2.3.5.1 An **owner** may allow their **dog** to be off-leash in a **designated dog off-leash area** providing the **owner**:
 - (a) carries a leash;

- (b) keeps the dog in view at all times; and
- (c) maintains effective control of the **dog** so that the **dog** immediately returns when signalled.
- 2.3.5.2 As exceptions to subsection 2.3.5.1:
 - (a) No **owner** may have more than three (3) **dogs** off-leash at any one time; and
 - (b) No owner may permit a **dog**, defined as dangerous under this bylaw, to be off-leash in a **designated off-leash area**.
- 2.3.5.3 Every owner of a dog must immediately leash a dog when the dog exhibits aggressive behaviour.

2.4 Rabbits

- 2.4.1 General Requirements
 - 2.4.1.1 Every person keeping rabbits in a one-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling or a multiple-family dwelling must ensure that:
 - (a) such rabbits do not create a nuisance; and
 - (b) all lands and premises where such rabbits are kept, are maintained in a sanitary condition at all times, and that excrement is not permitted to accumulate and cause, in the opinion of the Medical Health Officer, an objectionable odour or nuisance.
 - 2.4.1.2 A person may keep a maximum of two (2) rabbits in a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or a multiple-family dwelling.

2.5 Birds

- 2.5.1 General Provisions All Birds
 - 2.5.1.1 A person must not build, construct, reconstruct or maintain an aviary until the design and location of such aviary has been approved by the City with respect to building permit requirements.
 - 2.5.1.2 A person must not feed **pigeons** or other birds in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance or disturb or interfere with the quiet, peace, or enjoyment of another person's property.

2.5.2 Pigeons

- 2.5.2.1 An **owner** of racing or homing pigeons, fancy pigeons, or a person on whose property such birds are kept, must not allow such pigeons to perch, roost, or nest on the land or buildings of any person in the **City**, or to stray, feed, or roost on any highway or public place, except:
 - (a) on the property of which the holder is the **owner** or lessee;
 - (b) for the purpose of exercising or racing, and only when such pigeons are under the control of the **owner**.
- 2.5.2.2 Every person keeping racing, homing, or fancy pigeons, must maintain the land and premises where such pigeons are kept in a sanitary condition at all times, and pigeon droppings must be disposed of in a manner that will not create a nuisance or health hazard.
- 2.5.2.3 A person may keep a maximum of five (5) **pigeons** in a **one-family dwelling** or **two-family dwelling**.
- 2.5.2.4 A person must not keep **pigeons** in a **multiple-family dwelling**.
- 2.5.2.5 An **aviary** must be located at least two (2) metres from any property line.

2.5.3 Exotic Birds

2.5.3.1 The provisions of subsection 2.5.2 with regard to **pigeons**, apply also to **exotic birds**.

PART THREE: POULTRY

3.1 General Prohibition

- 3.1.1 A person must not keep poultry:
 - (a) on a **parcel** with an area of less than 2,000 square metres (21,529 square feet); or
 - (b) in, upon, or under any structure used for human habitation.
- 3.1.2 Every person keeping **poultry** must ensure that:
 - (a) such poultry does not create a nuisance; and
 - (b) all lands and premises where such **poultry** is kept, are maintained in a sanitary condition at all times, and that excrement is not permitted to accumulate and cause, in the opinion of the **Medical Health Officer**, an objectionable odour or nuisance.

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PART FOUR: WILD ANIMALS

4.1 General Prohibition

4.1.1 A person must not keep any wild animal in captivity on a parcel unless, in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer, adequate provision is made to ensure that such wild animal is securely contained on such parcel and poses no risk to public safety.

PART FIVE: DOMESTIC FARM ANIMALS

5.1 General Requirements

- 5.1.1 Every person keeping a **domestic farm animal** must ensure that:
 - (a) flies and other insects are kept under control by good manure management and by the use of approved insecticides approved by the Pesticide Branch of the Ministry of Environment Province of British Columbia:
 - (b) both the inside and outside of any building, pen, stable, shed or structure housing a **domestic farm animal** is kept clean;
 - (c) manure does not accumulate on any **parcel** except in a properly contained manner so that that runoff to public watercourses or onto adjacent properties does not occur;
 - (d) any manure resulting from the keeping of **domestic farm animals**, that has not been suitably treated by dehydration or composting to stabilize the organic matter, must be incorporated into the soil within eight (8) hours; and
 - (e) any person allowing a **domestic farm animal** access to an outdoor area must ensure that dust caused by such **domestic farm animal** is minimized.

5.2 General Prohibition

- 5.2.1 A person must not keep a domestic farm animal in a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or a multiple-family dwelling.
- 5.2.2 A person must not keep a **domestic farm animal**:
 - (a) on a **parcel** with an area of less than 2,000 square metres (21,529 square feet); or
 - (b) on a parcel where the ratio of domestic farm animals to parcel area exceeds one (1) domestic farm animal for each 2,000 square metres (21,529 square feet).

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PART SIX: BEEKEEPING

6.1 General Requirements

6.1.1 Every person keeping **bees**, and the person on whose property **bees** are kept must ensure that such **bees** are:

- (a) maintained in a condition so as to reasonably prevent undue swarming or aggressive behaviour; and
- (b) requeened if such **bees** are subject to undue swarming, or show signs of aggressive behaviour.

6.2 General Prohibitions

- 6.2.1 A person must not locate a beehive:
 - (a) on any parcel containing a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or multiple-family dwelling; or
 - (b) within 23 metres (75 feet) of the property line of a parcel containing a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or multiple-family dwelling.
- 6.2.2 A person must not keep more than four (4) colonies of bees on a **parcel** having an area of less than 929 square metres (10,000 square feet).

PART SEVEN: FURBEARING ANIMALS

7.1 General Prohibition

7.1.1 A person must not keep a **furbearing animal** in a **one-family dwelling**, **two-family dwelling**, or a **multiple-family dwelling**.

PART EIGHT: ANIMAL SHELTER

8.1 Establishment of Animal Shelter

8.1.1 An **animal shelter** is hereby established, and **Council** may enter into an agreement with a **Contractor** to operate such **animal shelter**.

8.2 Duties and Obligations of the Contractor

- 8.2.1 The agreement specified in subsection 8.1.1 may establish the duties of the **Contractor** with regard to:
 - (a) the operation of an animal shelter, including but not limited to,
 - (i) hours of operation,
 - (ii) building maintenance and operating costs;

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- (iii) payment of utilities, including electricity, natural gas and telephone services;
- (iv) an automated telephone answering system for emergency messages;
- (v) cleanliness and sanitation; and
- (vi) the care and feeding of, and the provision of veterinary care, where necessary, for all impounded **animals** and birds;
- (b) the provision of animal control services, including but not limited to.
 - (i) the provision of equipment, including vehicles and communication systems;
 - (ii) the impoundment of **animals** and birds;
 - (iii) the undertaking of patrols;
 - (iv) the keeping of records of impoundment, finances and **animal** disposal;
 - (v) the disposal by sale, or by humane destruction, of impounded **animals** and birds;
 - (vi) the removal and disposal of dead animals;
 - (vii) dealing with public complaints about animals; and
 - (viii) attending to, and transporting, animals running at large;
- (c) the provision and supplying of an adequate number of trained **Animal Control Officers**;
- (d) the licencing of **dogs**; and
- (e) the issuing of tickets under the provisions of the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, including court attendance as and when necessary.

8.3 Authority of Animal Control Officer - Dogs

- 8.3.1 An **Animal Control Officer** or any **Police Officer**, may seize and impound any **dog** found **running at large**, for up to 96 hours, unless such **dog** is reclaimed within that time.
- 8.3.2 If an **impounded dog** is not reclaimed within 7 days of impoundment, such **dog** may be disposed of by an **Animal Control Officer**, by destruction, private sale or gift, or sale by auction.
- 8.3.3 An **Animal Control Officer**, upon apprehending any female **dog** in season found **running at large** in contravention of this bylaw, must impound such **dog** for a period of not less than 10 days, and the **owner** of such **dog** must pay the cost of boarding such **dog** during its impoundment.
- 8.3.4 Any dangerous dog running at large:
 - (a) may be impounded by an Animal Control Officer;

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- (b) must, upon request, be immediately delivered to the **animal shelter** or to an **Animal Control Officer**, by the **owner**; and
- (c) must be kept quarantined at the **animal shelter** for a period of 14 days at the **owner's** expense, including the **maintenance fees** shown in Section 1 of Schedule A, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw.
- 8.3.5 Before exercising the power under subsection 8.3.4, in the case of a **dog** that has acted as described in clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) of the definition of **dangerous dog**, the **Animal Control Officer** must consider whether the **dog** was acting while in the course of
 - (a) attempting to prevent a person from committing an unlawful act, or
 - (b) performing law enforcement work.
- 8.3.6 Subject to the provisions of this Part, an **Animal Control Officer** may seize a **dog** if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that the **dog** is a **dangerous dog**.
- 8.3.7 Subject to subsection 8.3.10, an **Animal Control Officer** may enter a place to **impound** a **dangerous dog**
 - (a) with the consent of the owner, or
 - (b) in accordance with a warrant issued under subsection 8.3.8 or 8.3.9, or
 - (c) in accordance with subsection 8.3.10.
- 8.3.8 A justice who is satisfied by evidence given under oath or affirmation that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there is in a place a **dog** that
 - (a) has killed or seriously injured a person,
 - (b) is likely to kill or seriously injure a person, or
 - (c) has killed or seriously injured a companion animal or domestic animal.
 - may issue a warrant authorizing an **Animal Control Officer** to enter and search the place and to seize the **dog**.
- 8.3.9 If it is impracticable for an **Animal Control Officer** to appear personally before a justice to apply for a warrant in accordance with subsection 8.3.8, the **Animal Control Officer** may apply for a warrant in accordance with section 22 of the *Offence Act*.
- 8.3.10 Subject to subsection 8.3.11, an **Animal Control Officer** may, without a warrant, enter and search any place except a dwelling house and seize a **dog** if the **Animal Control Officer** believes on reasonable grounds that

- (a) the dog is a dangerous dog,
- (b) the **dog** presents an imminent danger to the public, and
- (c) the purpose of seizing the **dog** cannot reasonably be accomplished if the **Animal Control Officer** is required to obtain a warrant.
- 8.3.11 For the purposes of subsection 8.3.10, an **Animal Control Officer** who is not a **police officer** or special provincial constable appointed under the *Police Act* must be accompanied by a **police officer**.
- 8.3.12 In addition to the authority under the Community Charter or section 8 of the Livestock Protection Act, an **animal control officer** may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that a **dog** that the officer has reasonable ground to believe is a **dangerous dog** be destroyed in the manner specified in the order.
- 8.3.13 A **dangerous dog** seized pursuant to this bylaw may not be **impounded** for more than 21 days unless proceedings under subsection 8.3.12 of this bylaw or under the authority of the *Community Charter* or section 8 of the *Livestock Protection Act* are commenced within that time.

8.4 Reclaiming an Impounded Dog

- 8.4.1 The **owner** of any **dog impounded** under this Part, may reclaim such **dog** on application to an **Animal Control Officer**, by:
 - (a) providing proof of ownership; and
 - (b) paying the applicable impoundment fees and **maintenance fees** specified in Sections 1 and 2 of Schedule A.
- 8.4.2 Where the **owner** of an **impounded dog** is known, such **owner** must pay the **maintenance fees** specified in Section 2 of Schedule A, even if the **owner** fails or neglects to reclaim the **impounded dog**.
- 8.4.3 The charging of impoundment fees under clause (b) of subsection 8.4.1 in no way affects, derogates from or takes away from the ability to exercise the authority provided in subsection 8.3.12 to apply for an order that a **dog** be destroyed.

8.5 Authority of Animal Control Officer – Other Animals

- 8.5.1 An **Animal Control Officer** or any **Police Officer** may seize and impound any **domestic farm animal** or **poultry** found **running at large**.
- 8.5.2 An **Animal Control Officer** may sell any **animal impounded** under this Part, which have not been reclaimed, and after deducting the impounding fees and **maintenance fees** accruing in respect of such **animal**, and if applicable, the cost of advertising the sale, must pay any surplus within 30 days, to the **General Manager**, **Finance & Corporate Services**.

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8.5.3 Where the **owner** of any **impounded animal** is known, the **General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services** must pay any surplus funds of sale, to such **owner**.

8.5.4 Where, after 3 months from the date of the sale, such **owner** is unknown, any surplus funds of sale not claimed during that time are forfeited to the **City**.

8.6 Reclaiming of Other Animals

- 8.6.1 Any **impounded animal** other than a **dog**, a cat or **poultry**, may be reclaimed by the **owner** prior to the date of the advertised sale, upon proof of ownership, and payment to an **Animal Control Officer**, of the applicable impoundment fees and **maintenance fees** shown in Sections 1 and 2 of Schedule A.
- 8.6.2 Any **impounded poultry** may be reclaimed by the **owner** prior to the date of disposal of such **poultry**, upon proof of ownership, and payment to an **Animal Control Officer**, of the applicable impoundment fees and **maintenance fees** shown in Sections 1 and 2 of Schedule A.

PART NINE: INTERPRETATION

9.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

AGGRESSIVE	
BEHAVIOUR	

means snarling, growling or pursuing another **animal** or a person.

ANIMAL

means:

(a) furbearing animal;(b) household pet;(c) poultry; and(d) wild animal.

and includes companion animal and domestic animal.

ANIMAL CONTROL
OFFICER

means:

(a) a person appointed by **Council** as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer; or

(b) a person employed by the **Contractor** to undertake animal control services.

ANIMAL SHELTER means any facility designated by Council as an Animal

Pound, as provided for in the Local Government Act.

ASSISTANCE DOG means a dog specifically trained to assist a person with

disabilities in the performance of daily activities.

AVIARY means a building, cage or structure for the breeding or

keeping of birds, other than poultry.

BEE means the insect Apis mellifera.

BUILDING

means a **structure** having a roof supported by columns or walls **used** for the shelter or accommodation of persons, animals or chattels.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

means the Manager, Building Approvals Department or those positions or persons designated by Council to act under this Bylaw in the place of the Manager.

CAT

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

CITY

means the City of Richmond.

COMPANION ANIMAL

means an animal kept as a pet or as a guide animal.

CONTRACTOR

means the person, firm or society with whom the **City** has entered into an agreement for (i) the operation of an **animal shelter;** (ii) the provision of animal control services; (iii) the provision and supplying of **Animal Control Officers**; (iv) the licencing of **dogs**; and (v) the issuing of tickets under the provisions of the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw.

COUNCIL

means the current Council of the City.

DANGEROUS DOG

means:

- (a) any dog that has killed or injured:
 - (i) a person, or
 - (ii) a companion animal or domestic animal while running at large; or
- (b) any dog that an Animal Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to kill or seriously injure a person;
- (c) any dog that aggressively harasses or pursues a person or companion animal or domestic farm animal while running at large; or
- (d) any **dog** owned, primarily or in part, for the purpose of dog fighting or that is trained for dog fighting;
- (e) a Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or any dog of mixed breeding which includes any of these breeds; or any dog which has the appearance and physical characteristics predominantly conforming to the standards for any of the above breeds; or
- (f) any dog that, according to the records of the SPCA, RCMP or other municipality, or to the knowledge of the owner, has killed, injured, or aggressively harassed or pursued a person or animal.

DESIGNATED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

means an area posted by sign, which defines the geographic area and/or time period that dogs can be off-leash.

DOG

means any member of the canine species which is six (6) or more months of age.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL

means an animal that is:

- (a) tame or kept, or that has been or is being sufficiently tamed or kept, to serve some purpose for the use of people, and
- (b) designated by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to be a domestic animal, (as defined in the *Livestock Protection Act*)

DOMESTIC FARM ANIMAL

means a horse, mule, donkey, emu, hinny, llama, ostrich, pot belly pig, swine, sheep, goat or cow, or other **animal** of the bovine species, but excludes a **household pet**.

DWELLING UNIT

means a suite of one or more rooms designed for or occupies by one family only as a single housekeeping unit providing cooking, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

ENCLOSURE

means a securely enclosed and locked structure having a concrete, asphalt or wooden floor and a wire or steel mesh sides and roof, which is sufficient to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons or the escape of the **dog**.

EXOTIC BIRD

means those avian species which are not normally native to the Province of British Columbia.

FURBEARING ANIMAL

means any fox, beaver, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, racoon, skunk, chinchilla, fisher, or other like **animal**, other than a **household pet**.

GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

means the person appointed by **Council** to the position of General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, or an alternate.

HOUSEHOLD PET

means a domesticated animal or bird normally kept:

- (a) in a one-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling or a multiple-family dwelling; and
- (b) for pleasure rather than utility.

IMPOUNDED

means seized, delivered, received or taken into the animal shelter, or into the custody of the Animal Control Officer.

KITTEN

means a member of the feline species which is less than six (6) months of age.

LEASH or LEASHED

means a device, or use of a device, of leather, metal, nylon or other similar strong material no more than three (3) meters in length and of sufficient strength and design to restrain the size and strength of animal for which it will be (or is being) used. One end must remain securely affixed to a collar or harness securely attached to the animal with the other end held by a person capable of controlling the animal at all times.

LICENCE INSPECTOR

means a person appointed by Council as Licence Inspector for the City, and includes Bylaw Enforcement Officers and the Chief Licence Inspector.

MAINTENANCE FEES

means the fees specified in Schedule A which are charged, for each day that an animal or bird is impounded, commencing the day after impoundment.

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

means the Medical Health Officer appointed under the Health Act, to act within the limits of the jurisdiction of any local board, or within any health district.

MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING

means a building containing two or more dwelling units.

MUZZLED

means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength placed over the mouth of a dog designed to prevent the dog from biting or injuring any person or another animal.

ONE-FAMILY DWELLING

means a detached building used exclusively for residential purposes, containing one dwelling unit only.

OWN/OWNER/OWNED

includes possessor, harbourer, or keeper and "owned" includes possessed, harboured, or kept.

PARCEL

means a lot, block, or other area in which land is held or into which land is legally subdivided.

PIGEON

means a bird of the family columbidae.

POLICE OFFICER

means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

POULTRY

means a chicken, rooster, turkey, goose, duck, fowl, or other bird normally kept for human consumption, excluding exotic birds and registered homing pigeons used for hobby or show purposes or racing.

PUPPY

means a member of the canine species which is less than six (6) months of age.

RABBIT

means any of various burrowing gregarious plant-eating

mammals of the hare family.

RESIDENTIAL

means a **use** which pertains clearly to the accommodation and home life of a family, and includes a group home with a maximum of 10 residents, but specifically excludes any facility operated under the jurisdiction of the *Correction Act*.

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.

RUNNING AT LARGE (DOG)

means any one of the following:

- (a) being elsewhere than confined on the premises of the **owner**, while not on a **leash** and in the immediate and effective control of a competent person;
- (b) being on any property without the consent of the owner or occupier of that property;
- (c) being in an **off-leash area**, where permitted, but not under the effective control of the owner; or
- (d) with respect to a **dangerous dog**, means any **dangerous dog** which is not kept in compliance with the requirements of subsection 2.3.4.

STOREY

means a space situated between the top of any floor and the top of the floor next above it, that space between the top of such floor and the ceiling above it.

STRUCTURE

means a construction of any kind whether fixed to, supported by, or sunk into land or water.

TWO-FAMILY DWELLING

means a detached **building used** exclusively for residential purposes containing two **dwelling units** only, which **building** is not readily convertible into additional **dwelling units** and the plans for which have been filed with the **Building inspector** showing all areas of the building finished, the design of the **building** conforming to one of the following classifications:

- (a) Each **dwelling unit** consisting of one **storey** only, not set upon another **storey** or upon a basement; or
- (b) Each dwelling unit consisting of two storeys only, the upper storey not containing a kitchen; not set upon another storey or upon a basement; or
- (c) Each dwelling unit consisting of a split level arrangement of two storeys only, the upper storey not containing a kitchen; not set upon another storey or upon a basement.

For the purposes of this definition, "basement" means a storey located beneath the first full storey of the building, such first full storey having a floor level of not more than 2 m (6.562 ft.) above grade.

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UNLICENCED DOG means any dog for which the licence for the current year

as required in the current Dog Licencing Bylaw of the City,

has not been obtained.

USED means used or arranged, designed or intended to be used.

WILD ANIMAL means an animal not ordinarily tame or domesticated, and

includes an exotic animal.

PART TEN: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

10.1 Any person who:

- (a) violates or who causes or allows any of the provisions of this bylaw to be violated; or
- (b) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this or any other bylaw or applicable statute; or
- (c) neglects or refrains from doing anything required under the provisions of this bylaw,

is deemed to have committed an infraction of, or an offence against this bylaw is liable on summary conviction, to the penalties provided for in the *Offence Act*, and each day that such violation is caused, or allowed to continue, constitutes a separate offence.

PART ELEVEN: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

Animal and Bird Control Bylaw No. 7137 (adopted July 24, 2000) and the following Amendment Bylaws are hereby repealed:

BYLAW	DATE OF ADOPTION
No. 7164	October 23, 2000
No. 7211	April 23, 2001
No. 7424	October 15, 2002
No. 7692	May 25, 2004

PART TWELVE: SEVERABILITY & CITATION

- 12.1 If any part, section, sub-section, clause, or sub-clause of this bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by the decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 12.2 This bylaw is cited as "Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932".

Bylaw No. 7932		18.
FIRST READING		CITY OF RICHMOND
SECOND READING		APPROVED for content by originating dept.
THIRD READING		APPROVED for legality
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MAYOR	CORPORATE OFFICER	

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1. IMPOUNDMENT FEES

a. Dogs

(i) FIRST impoundment in any calendar year:

Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$ 40
Non-Neutered or Unspayed	\$120

(ii) SECOND impoundment in any calendar year:

Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$ 80
Non-Neutered or Unspayed	\$250

(iii) THIRD and subsequent impoundments in any calendar year:

Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$250
Non-Neutered or Unspayed	\$500

b. Dangerous Dogs**

(i) FIRST impoundment in any calendar year: \$500**

(ii) SECOND and subsequent impoundments in any calendar year: \$1,000**

**Subject always to the power set out in section 8.3.12 to apply for an order that a dog be destroyed.

c. Unlicenced Dogs

In addition to the fees payable under sections 1 and 2 (if applicable), a licence fee will be charged, where a dog is not currently licenced.

d. Birds

Per bird \$5.00

e. Other Animals

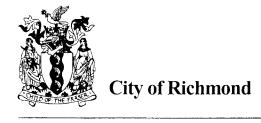
Per **animal** \$30 plus transportation costs

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	f.	Domestic Farm Animal	
		Per Domestic Farm Animal	\$60 plus transportation costs
2.	MAIN	TENANCE FEES	
	For ea	ach day or portion of the day, per animal	
	a. De	ogs	\$12
	b. Ca	ats	\$12
	c. Bi	irds	\$ 2
	d. O	ther Animals	\$10
	e. De	omestic Farm Animal	\$30
3.	Cat B	reeding Permit Fee	
		Permit for three years	\$35



Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138, Amendment Bylaw No. 7933

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting subsection 1.1.1 and substituting the following:
 - 1.1.1 Every person who keeps or has in his or her possession, any **dog** over the age of 8 weeks, must:
 - (a)(i) obtain a **dog licence** for such **dog** in accordance with this bylaw; or
 - (ii) obtain a dog licence (Dangerous Dog) for such dog in accordance with this bylaw;
 - (b) attach such **dog licence** to a suitable collar on the **dog**; and
 - (c)(i) produce such dog licence at the request of an Animal Control Officer; or
 - (ii)produce such dog licence (Dangerous Dog) at the request of an Animal Control Officer.
- 2. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting subsection 1.4:

Dangerous Dogs - Liability Insurance

- 3. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting subsection 2.1.1 and substituting the following:
 - 2.1.1 An annual, non-refundable **dog licence** fee, as shown in Schedule A, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw, and is payable for each **dog** over the age of 8 weeks.
- 4. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting subsection 2.1.2 and substituting the following:
 - Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2.1.1, every **dog licence** fee paid by an **owner** who is aged 65 or older, will be reduced by 50% of the amount shown in Schedule A, upon production of proof, satisfactory to the **City**, of such **owner's** age provided that:
 - (a) (i) for dogs licenced in the previous calendar year, the dog licence is purchased prior to March 1 of the current licence year, or
 - (ii) for **dogs** acquired during the current licence year, the **dog licence** is purchased within 30 days of acquiring the **dog**; and
 - (b) the **dog** is spayed or neutered.

5. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting the definition of **Animal Control Officer** in subsection 4.1 and substituting the following:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER means:

- (a) a person appointed by Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer; or
- (b) a person employed by the **Contractor** to undertake animal control services.
- 6. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by adding the following subsection to the definition of **Dangerous Dog**:
 - (f) any **dog** that, according to the records of the SPCA, RCMP or other municipality, or to the knowledge of the **owner**, has killed, injured, or aggressively harassed or pursued a person or **animal**.
- 7. Bylaw No. 7138 is amended by deleting the definition of **Running at Large** and substituting the following:

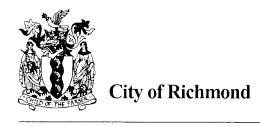
RUNNING AT LARGE (DOG) means any one of the following:

- (a) being elsewhere than confined on the premises of the **owner**, while not on a **leash** and in the immediate and effective control of a competent person; and/or
- (b) being on any property without the consent of the owner or occupier of that property; and/or
- (c) being in an off-leash area, where permitted, but not under the effective control of the owner; or
- (d) with respect to a **dangerous dog**, means any **dangerous dog** which is not kept in compliance with the requirements of subsection 2.2.4.

Schedule of Fees – Effective for the 2006 Licencing Yo	ear	
1. Male or female dog	\$50.00	\$70.00
2. Neutered or spayed dog	\$20.00	\$30.00
Replacement tag or each dog tag lost or stolen or for each dog licence to replace a valid dog licence from another jurisdiction .	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Paid Before March 1 of current year	Paid on or after March 1 of current year
3. Dangerous dog – Male or Female Dog	\$ 200.00	\$250.00
4. Dangerous dog – Neutered or Spayed	\$150.00	\$200.00
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This Bylaw is cited as "Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 713	•	
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MAYOR



Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7934

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 7321 Schedule B 1 is amended by deleting and substituting the following violation fine amounts:

ANIMALCONTROL BYLAW NO. 7137

Column 1	Column 2 Colum	nn3
Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Animal attached to a fixed object with a choke device	1.1.1(a)	\$200
Animal confined to an enclosed space without adequate ventilation	1.1.1(b)	\$200
Animal deprived of food or water	1.2.1(a)	\$200
Animal receptacles unclean or contaminated	1.2.1(b)	\$200
Insufficient exercise of animal	1.2.1(c)	\$200
Deprivation of veterinary care of animal	1.2.1(d)	\$200
Inadequate outdoor shelter	1.3.1 (a)to(c)	\$200
Owning a cat which is not spayed or neutered without holding a cat breeding permit	2.1A.1.1(b)	\$100
Permitting cat which is not spayed or neutered to be running at large	2.1A.1.1(c)	\$100
Owning more than 3 dogs in a one-family or two-family dwelling	2.2.1.1	\$200
Owning more than 2 dogs in a multiple-family dwelling	2.2.1.2	\$200

Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Failure by owner to leash dog	2.2.2.1(b)	\$100
Failure by owner to maintain effective control of dog	2.2.2.1(c)	\$100
Failure by owner to leash dog showing aggressive behaviour	2.2.5.3	\$100
Failure by owner to clean up dog excrement	2.2.3.1	\$100
Failure by owner to confine dog	2.2.4.1	\$100
Failure of owner to control dangerous dog	2.2.4.2 (a)(b)	\$500
Failure by owner to deliver dangerous dog to Animal Control Officer	7.3.4(b)	\$500

2. Bylaw No. 7321 Schedule B1 is amended by adding the following violation sections and fine amounts:

Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Animal has injured a person or animal	1.1.2 (a)	\$100
Animal has pursued or harassed a person or animal	1.1.2 (b)	\$100
Having more than three (3) dogs off leash	2.2.5.2(a)	\$100
Permitting dog to run at large	2.2.2.1(b)	\$100
Dangerous Dog off leash in an off leash area	2.2.5.2(b)	\$300

3. Bylaw No. 7321 B3 is amended by adding the following violation fine amounts:

PET STORE REGULATION Offence	Bylaw Section	
Pet Establishment / Cage not maintained	12.2.1(a) to (e)	\$50
Inadequate Cage	12.2.2 (a)(b)	\$50

Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
No segregation area	12.3.1	\$50
Fail to segregate ill / injured animal	12.3.2(a)(b)	\$50
Name of Veterinarian not posted	12.4.1 (a)	\$50
Fail to have ill/injured animal treated Properly by Veterinarian	12.4.1 (b)(i)	\$50
Improper euthanasia/disposal of animal	12.4.1 (b)(ii)	\$50
Fail to keep/maintain Pet Establishment Register	12.5.1 (a)	\$50
Fail to produce Pet Establishment Register	12.5.1 (b)	\$50
Inadequate Record in Pet Establishment Record	12.5.3(a) to (e)	\$50
Fail to provide information to Purchaser	12.6.1(a) to (g)	\$50
Fail to post notice describing Reptile	12.7.1 (a)(i) to (iii	\$50
Confine incompatible species together	12.8.1 (a)	\$100
Separate or deliver animal prior to weaning	12.8.1 (b)	\$100
Sell, offer for sale or display a Prohibited animal	12.8.1 (c) (i)	\$300
Sell or offer for sale a dyed animal	12.8.1 (c) (iii)	\$100
Sell or offer for sale a diseased/infected animal	12.8.1 (c) (iv)	\$300
DOG LICENCING BYLAW NO. 7138		
Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Failure to obtain dog licence	1.1.1(a)(i)	\$200
Failure to produce dog licence upon request	1.1.1(c)(i)	\$200

4. Bylaw No. 7321 Schedule B5 be amended by adding the following violation and fine amounts:

Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Failure to obtain dog licence for Dangerous Dog	1.1.1(a)(ii)	\$500
Failure to produce dog licence upon request for Dangerous Dog	1.1.1(c)(ii)	\$500

5. Bylaw No. 7321 Schedule B8 be amended by deleting and substituting the following violation fine amounts:

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BYLAW 6989 Offence

	Bylaw Section	Fine
Animal noise which disturbs	3.1.1.1 (b)	\$250
Operator permitting smoking	6.1.1.1 (a) to (k)	\$250
Operator of city facility permitting smoking	6.1.1.2	\$250

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