



## CITY OF RICHMOND

### REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**TO:** General Purposes Committee  
**FROM:** Sandra Tokarczyk  
Manager, Property Use and Administration  
**RE:** **Animal Control Regulations**

**DATE:** June 5, 2000  
**FILE:** 8060-20

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the following bylaws, which together address a number of outstanding animal control issues, especially with regard to dogs, each be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

- 1) Animal, Bird, and Beekeeping Bylaw 7137
- 2) Dog Licencing Bylaw 7138
- 3) Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 7139
- 4) Public Health Protection Bylaw 6989, Amendment Bylaw 7140.

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| Law .....                         | Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |
| Health .....                      | Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |
| Zoning .....                      | Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |
| Parks .....                       | Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |

## STAFF REPORT

### ORIGIN

The purpose of this report is to present a package of bylaws and bylaw amendments, which taken together, constitute a complete review of the City's 20 year old animal control regulations. In addition, several of the previously endorsed recommendations of the Cat and Dog Task Force, which are possible to implement immediately by bylaw, have been included.

The Companion Animal Task Force in February 2000 discussed several additional issues related to the vicious dog provisions. They are addressed in this report and the proposed changes have been included in the bylaw for Council's consideration. Also discussed were the impoundment, maintenance, and licence fees as they relate to vicious and un-spayed/neutered dogs. These fees will be addressed in a separate report by the Manager of Property Use & Administration in July 2000.

### ANALYSIS

The City's current animal control regulations are contained in two existing bylaws, namely the Animal and Control Bylaw of 1980 (amended once) and the Licencing and Pound Establishment Bylaw of 1984 (amended 7 times). The title of the latter bylaw suggests that it addresses Dog Licencing and (Dog) Pound matters, whereas in reality the City now operates an animal pound and over the years dog control issues, such as leashing, have found their way into the latter bylaw, rather than more properly into the Animal Control Bylaw itself. Thus a complete review of city bylaws dealing with animal regulation has been undertaken. The revised structure is as follows:

- 1) All animal control regulations, with the exception of those dealing with (i) land use and (ii) public health (shown in 2 and 3 below), including those establishing the Animal Pound and the obligations of the SPCA under a recent agreement with the City, are contained in the new Animal, Bird, and Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw 7137.
- 2) Existing animal and bee control regulations dealing with land use, such as minimum lot size requirements, and property line setbacks have been deleted from the new animal bylaw No. 7137 and will be placed into the Zoning Bylaw. The outstanding "Hobby Breeder" issue from the Companion Animal Task Force report will be reviewed and included in a Zoning Bylaw amendment. Both are targeted for presentation by the Manager of Zoning at the end of June 2000.
- 3) Existing animal control regulations dealing with public health have been deleted and transferred to the recently adopted Public Health Protection Bylaw 6989 (see Public Health Amendment Bylaw 7140). Aside from this being a logical change, it helps to further clarify exactly which city regulations are enforced on behalf of the City by the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board.
- 4) The Licencing of Dogs is now in a separate bylaw No. 7138, and in due course will become part of a Comprehensive Licencing Bylaw for the City which will form Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of Regulations.

- 5) A new Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) Bylaw No 7139, which is attached, is required because of this restructuring.
- 6) A bylaw to address the recommended neutering/spaying of cats as well as the introduction of a cat breeder permit and advertising "for sale" requirements will be prepared by the Manager of Zoning and presented in July 2000.

Aside from this bylaw restructuring and modernization, a number of changes to the animal control regulations and fine structure have been included.

The first two items (a and b) below were put forward in the August 24, 1999 Task Force Report and later endorsed in concept by Council on September 27, 1999.

- a) **Number of Dogs:** The number of dogs permitted per residence has been defined with a differentiation being made between single and multiple family residences. A maximum of three dogs per single-family household and a two dog maximum per unit in multiple-family housing is included in the new Bylaw 7137.
- b) **Responsible Dog Owner:** A "responsible dog owner" definition (similar to the rules of conduct shown in the "Dogs Off Leash" handout) has not been *specifically* included in the bylaw because the various points (such as control of the dog, scooping, carrying a leash at all times; licence visible, effective control, and aggressive behaviour) are covered throughout bylaw 7137 and 7138 in their applicable sections.

Items c-f (below), address vicious dog related issues, some of which were first discussed at Planning Committee on January 18, 2000 and were discussed with the Companion Animal Task Force in February, 2000. They are now presented for Council's consideration and have been included in the attached new animal bylaw 7137 amendments.

c) **Vicious Dog Definition & Background:**

Around 1985 a high number of vicious dog incidents occurred in the Lower Mainland and captured media attention. The incidents were predominately related to Pit Bull types of dogs. Council amended the Pound and Dog Bylaw to include "a pit bull or pit bull cross" under the vicious dog definition. In September of 1997 our definition was struck down by the Courts as being too vague. The entire vicious dog definition has been reviewed and changes proposed.

The City had defined a "vicious dog" in the old Pound & Dog Licensing Bylaw No. 4323 as:

- (a) a dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation other domestic animals or humans; or
- (b) any dog which has bitten another domestic animal or human without provocation; or
- (c) any dog owned primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for dog fighting; or
- (d) a pit bull or pit bull cross.

The issue of the definition of vicious dogs still generates public interest and much debate. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) office advised that the Ministry of the Attorney General has had the issue of vicious dogs for the past three years and has yet to determine if there will be changes to the Municipal Act in regards to vicious dogs.

### **Richmond's 1999 Dog Bite Statistics**

Attachment 1, is a report produced by the Richmond SPCA, that shows the reported bite incidents in Richmond for 1999, sorted by breed and severity. A total number of 45 bites appear on the report resulting in four attacked animal deaths, one severe human attack, and four severe animal attacks. The severity of eight human and four animal attacks were unspecified. The Pit Bull breed accounts for two bites, one animal and one human, with one minor and one unspecified severity.

### **Proposed Amendments to the Vicious Dog Definition**

The previous vicious dog definition was reviewed in light of various legal challenges and decisions. The following new vicious dog definition is proposed in Bylaw 7137:

- a) any dog that has killed or injured any person; or
- b) any dog that has killed or injured another animal while running at large; or
- c) any dog that aggressively harasses or pursues another person or animal while running at large; or
- d) any dog primarily owned or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for dog fighting.

A vicious dog would continue to be confined indoors or in an enclosure while on the owners premises. While out in public the vicious dog would be on a leash, muzzled, and under the care and control of the owner.

### **Breed Specific Options**

The 1999 Richmond dog bite statistics suggest that there are a variety of breeds, other than pit bulls, that are responsible for the majority of serious dog bites and animal deaths in Richmond. It is unknown if the original breed specific bylaw was responsible for the low pit bull breed bite statistics or not.

**Option 1 - Non Breed Specific** - The Companion Animal Task Force felt that breed specific legislation was discriminatory and painted **all** of those named breeds as vicious, which may not be the case.

**Option 2 – Breed Specific – Pit Bull Breeds** – Lidstone, Young Anderson (a firm that specializes in Municipal law) have provided the following latest preferred definition:

“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, as established by the

Canadian Kennel Club or the American Kennel Club or the United Kennel Club, as determined by a veterinarian licenced to practice in the Province of British Columbia.”

**Option 3 – Breed Specific – Additional Breeds** – There are additional breeds (including mixes) other than pit bull type breeds that are responsible for severe bites and animal deaths (refer to Attachment 1) in Richmond. Council may wish to consider including these on their own or in conjunction with Pit Bull breeds in Option 2.

Should Council wish to pursue adopting a breed specific bylaw amendment (Option 2 and/or 3), then the Companion Animal Task Force has asked for the opportunity to review and/or prepare one for Council’s consideration and the bylaws should be tabled.

d) **Running at Large – Vicious Dogs**

The definition of “running at large” has been expanded to include a vicious dog that is not being kept in compliance with the requirements of the bylaw (Section 3.2.4). This will allow an Animal Control Officer to seize a vicious dog on private property if it is not kept in accordance with Section 3.2.4. Section 3.2.4 generally states that if the dog is on the street or in a public place it must be: leashed, muzzled, and under the care & control of an owner. If the dog is on private property then it must be securely confined at all times either indoors or in an enclosure.

e) **Ticketable Offences (under MTI Bylaw)**

The new Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Bylaw No. 7137 was reviewed to identify the offences which for which it was felt ticketing was appropriate. All animal offences have been listed at the rate of \$100. The Task Force felt that this would send a strong message to animal owners indicating the lack of community acceptance for irresponsible behaviour (i.e. excrement clean-up; leashing; control of dogs, etc.).

f) **Impoundment, Maintenance, and Licence Fees**

The impoundment, maintenance, and licence fees are being addressed in a separate staff report. They are being reviewed for equity and severity of offence as well as being compared to other Lower Mainland cities. There should be more of a split between neutered/spayed dogs (and those who are not) with incentives that make neutering / spaying preferred over the recovery cost of the animal. Higher rates for recovery of vicious dogs is also being considered. The report is anticipated in July 2000.

The SPCA have participated as part of the Companion Animal Task Force discussions and have also had an opportunity to review the proposed bylaws in detail. The SPCA will be present at Committee.

The President of the Richmond Beekeepers Association (Mr. Jack Counse) reviewed the changes to Part Seven of the new Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw 7137 on May 24, 2000 and raised no concerns.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is unclear if the City would see any additional revenue from the increased MTI fines with respect to animal offences. The higher fine rates of \$100 might act as a deterrent to irresponsible behaviour by animal owners.

### CONCLUSION

The administrative changes (restructuring) to the various animal bylaws will eliminate any confusion about the intent of the various bylaws and provide a clean foundation for future bylaw changes. The various policy changes to the animal regulations reflect and address recent legal challenges, and the suggested changes from the Companion Animal Task Force.

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# Bite Reports sorted by Severity - 1999

| SEVERITY                   | Human = -1, Animal = 0 BREED1 | BREED2      | DATE     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Death                      |                               |             |          |
|                            | 0 Australian Cattle Dog       | Mix         | 11/11/99 |
|                            | 0 Chow Chow                   | Unspecified | 6/2/99   |
|                            | 0 Chow Chow                   | Unspecified | 6/30/99  |
|                            | 0 Labrador Retriever          | Mix         | 11/19/99 |
| Minor, punctures 4 or less |                               |             |          |
|                            | -1 Blue Heeler                | Unspecified | 4/1/99   |
|                            | -1 Golden Retriever           | Unspecified | 9/20/99  |
|                            | -1 Pitbull                    | Unspecified | 12/30/99 |
|                            | -1 Rottweiler                 | Unspecified | 4/25/99  |
|                            | -1 Shepherd                   | Rottweiler  | 4/27/99  |
|                            | -1 Shepherd                   | Husky       | 7/31/99  |
|                            | -1 Shepherd                   | Mix         | 7/9/99   |
|                            | -1 Shepherd                   | Great Dane  | 8/8/99   |
|                            | -1 Shetland Sheepdog          | Mix         | 7/25/99  |
|                            | 0 Akita                       | Mix         | 11/22/99 |
|                            | 0 German Shepherd             | Unspecified | 6/30/99  |
|                            | 0 Mastiff                     | Unspecified | 7/2/99   |
| Minor, scratch             |                               |             |          |
|                            | -1 (See Notes)                | Unspecified | 4/12/99  |
|                            | -1 Cocker Spaniel             | Unspecified | 8/21/99  |
|                            | -1 Dalmatian                  | Unspecified | 9/14/99  |
|                            | -1 Rottweiler                 | Purebred    | 9/27/99  |
| Moderate, deeper than teet |                               |             |          |
|                            | -1 Boston Terrier             | Unspecified | 10/1/99  |
|                            | -1 Labrador Retriever         | Husky       | 9/20/99  |
|                            | -1 Pomeranian                 | Unspecified | 7/24/99  |
|                            | 0 Labrador Retriever          | Mix         | 2/4/99   |
|                            | 0 Rottweiler                  | Mix         | 5/8/99   |
|                            | 0 Rottweiler                  | Mix         | 1/24/99  |
|                            | 0 Shar-pei                    | Mix         | 4/11/99  |
|                            | 0 Shepherd                    | Chow Chow   | 3/19/99  |

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| BREED1            | BREED2             | Human =-1, Animal =0 SEVERITY  | DATE     |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Mastiff           | Shepherd           | -1 Unspecified                 | 5/22/99  |
|                   | Unspecified        | 0 Minor, punctures 4 or less   | 7/2/99   |
|                   | Unspecified        | 0 Severe                       | 9/12/99  |
| Pitbull           | Unspecified        | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 12/30/99 |
|                   | Unspecified        | 0 Unspecified                  | 9/25/99  |
| Pomeranian        | Unspecified        | -1 Moderate, deeper than teeth | 7/24/99  |
| Rottweiler        | Mix                | 0 Unspecified                  | 6/18/99  |
|                   | Mix                | 0 Moderate, deeper than tooth  | 1/24/99  |
|                   | Mix                | 0 Moderate, deeper than teeth  | 5/8/99   |
|                   | Purebred           | -1 Minor, scratch              | 9/27/99  |
|                   | Unspecified        | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 4/25/99  |
|                   | Unspecified        | 0 Severe                       | 10/31/99 |
| Shar-pei          | Mix                | 0 Moderate, deeper than tooth  | 4/11/99  |
| Shepherd          | Chow Chow          | 0 Moderate, deeper than teeth  | 3/19/99  |
|                   | Great Dane         | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 8/8/99   |
|                   | Husky              | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 7/31/99  |
|                   | Husky              | 0 Unspecified                  | 4/11/99  |
|                   | Labrador Retriever | -1 Unspecified                 | 6/14/99  |
|                   | Mix                | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 7/9/99   |
|                   | Mix                | 0 Severe                       | 5/11/99  |
|                   | Rottweiler         | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 4/27/99  |
|                   | Rottweiler         | 0 Severe                       | 11/8/99  |
| Shetland Sheepdog | Mix                | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 7/25/99  |
| Terrier, Welsh    | Unspecified        | -1 Unspecified                 | 6/9/99   |



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| (See Notes)           |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Minor, scratch              | 4/12/99  |
| Akita                 |             |                                |          |
|                       | Mix         | 0 Minor, punctures 4 or less   | 11/22/99 |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Unspecified                 | 7/16/99  |
| Australian Cattle Dog |             |                                |          |
|                       | Mix         | 0 Death                        | 11/11/99 |
| Blue Heeler           |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 4/1/99   |
| Boston Terrier        |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Moderate, deeper than teeth | 10/1/99  |
| Chow Chow             |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | 0 Unspecified                  | 5/29/99  |
|                       | Unspecified | 0 Death                        | 6/2/99   |
|                       | Unspecified | 0 Death                        | 6/30/99  |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Severe                      | 7/22/99  |
| Cocker Spaniel        |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Minor, scratch              | 8/21/99  |
| Dalmatian             |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Minor, scratch              | 9/14/99  |
| German Shepherd       |             |                                |          |
|                       | Mix         | -1 Unspecified                 | 7/2/99   |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Unspecified                 | 7/6/99   |
|                       | Unspecified | 0 Minor, punctures 4 or less   | 6/30/99  |
| Golden Retriever      |             |                                |          |
|                       | Unspecified | -1 Minor, punctures 4 or less  | 9/20/99  |
| Labrador Retriever    |             |                                |          |
|                       | Husky       | -1 Moderate, deeper than teeth | 9/20/99  |
|                       | Mix         | 0 Moderate, deeper than teeth  | 2/4/99   |
|                       | Mix         | -1 Unspecified                 | 3/21/99  |
|                       | Mix         | 0 Death                        | 11/19/99 |
|                       | Mix         | -1 Unspecified                 | 4/12/99  |

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|             | 0 Mastiff                     | Unspecified        | 9/12/99  |
|             | 0 Rottweiler                  | Unspecified        | 10/31/99 |
|             | 0 Shepherd                    | Rottweiler         | 11/8/99  |
|             | 0 Shepherd                    | Mix                | 5/11/99  |
|             | -1 Akita                      | Unspecified        | 7/16/99  |
|             | -1 German Shepherd            | Mix                | 7/2/99   |
|             | -1 German Shepherd            | Unspecified        | 7/6/99   |
|             | -1 Labrador Retriever         | Mix                | 3/21/99  |
|             | -1 Labrador Retriever         | Mix                | 4/12/99  |
|             | -1 Labrador Retriever         | Shepherd           | 5/22/99  |
|             | -1 Shepherd                   | Labrador Retriever | 6/14/99  |
|             | -1 Terrier, Welsh             | Unspecified        | 6/9/99   |
|             | 0 Chow Chow                   | Unspecified        | 5/29/99  |
|             | 0 Pitbull                     | Unspecified        | 9/25/99  |
|             | 0 Rottweiler                  | Mix                | 6/18/99  |
|             | 0 Shepherd                    | Husky              | 4/11/99  |

CITY OF RICHMOND

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

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.

**1.2 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.

**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 Birds

#### 2.1.1 General Provisions – All Birds

- 2.1.1.1 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.

#### 2.1.2 Pigeons

- 2.1.2.1 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**.

- 2.1.2.2 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.

#### 2.1.3 Exotic Birds

- 2.1.3.1 The provisions of subsection 2.1.2 with regard to pigeons, apply also to **exotic birds**.

## 2.2 Dogs

### 2.2.1 General Prohibition

- 2.2.1.1 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.
- 2.2.1.2 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.
- 2.2.1.3 The provisions of subsections 2.2.1.1 and 2.2.1.2, do not apply to the housing and training of **assistance dogs**.

### 2.2.2 Owner Obligations - Leashing

- 2.2.2.1 Every **owner** of a **dog** must keep such **dog** that is on any street or in a public place, on a leash at all times, except in areas posted as **designated dog off-leash areas**, and when such dog is unleashed, the **owner** must at all times:
  - (a) carry a leash;
  - (b) keep the **dog** in view; and
  - (c) maintain effective control of the **dog** so that the **dog** immediately returns when signalled.
- 2.2.2.2 Every **owner** of a **dog** must immediately leash such **dog** when the **dog** exhibits **aggressive behaviour**.

### 2.2.3 Owner Obligations – Cleaning Up

- 2.2.3.1 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.
- 2.2.3.2 The provisions of subsection 2.2.3.1 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.
- 2.2.3.3 The provisions of subsections 2.2.3.1 and 2.2.3.2 do not apply to the **owner** of an **assistance dog**.

### 2.2.4 Owner Obligations – Vicious Dogs

- 2.2.4.1 Every **owner** of a **vicious 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 Rabbits

### 2.3.1 General Requirements

2.3.1.1 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.

## PART THREE: POULTRY

### 3.1 General Prohibition

3.1.1 A person must not keep **poultry**, 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.

## PART FOUR: WILD ANIMALS

### 4.1 General Prohibition

4.1.1 A person must not keep any **wild animal** in captivity on a **parcel** where any potential danger exists to the public.

## PART FIVE: DOMESTIC (FARM) ANIMALS

### 5.1 General Requirements

5.1.1 Every person keeping a **domestic 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 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 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.
- (e) any person allowing a **domestic animal** access to an outdoor area must ensure that dust caused by such **domestic animal** is minimized.

## 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.

## PART SEVEN: ANIMAL SHELTER

### 7.1 Establishment of Animal Shelter

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

### 7.2 Duties and Obligations of the Contractor

7.2.1 The agreement specified in subsection 7.1.1 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;
  - (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.

### 7.3 Authority of Animal Control Officer – Dogs Running at Large

- 7.3.1 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.
- 7.3.2 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.
- 7.3.3 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.



#### 7.3.4 Any **vicious dog running at large**:

- (a) may be **impounded** by an **Animal Control Officer**;
- (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.

### 7.4 Reclaiming an Impounded Dog

7.4.1 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 Section 1 of Schedule A.

7.4.2 Where the **owner** of an **impounded dog** is known, such **owner** must pay the **maintenance fees** specified in Section 1(c) of Schedule A, even if the **owner** fails or neglects to reclaim the **impounded dog**.

### 7.5 Authority of Animal Control Officer – Other Animals

7.5.1 An **Animal Control Officer** or any **Police Officer** may seize and impound any **domestic animal** or **poultry** found **running at large**.

7.5.2 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**.

7.5.3 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**.

7.5.4 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**.

### 7.6 Reclaiming of Other Animals

7.6.1 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 Section 2 of Schedule A.

- 7.6.2 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 Section 3 of Schedule A.

## PART EIGHT: INTERPRETATION

8.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

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| <b>AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR</b>   | means snarling, growling or pursuing another <b>animal</b> or a person.   |
| <b>ANIMAL</b>                 | means:<br>(a) <b>furbearing animal</b> ;<br>(b) <b>household pet</b> ;<br>(c) <b>poultry</b> ; and<br>(d) <b>wild animal</b> .  |
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b> | means:<br>(a) a <b>Licence Inspector</b> ; or<br>(b) a person employed by the <b>Contractor</b> to undertake animal control services.   |
| <b>ANIMAL SHELTER</b>         | means any facility designated by <b>Council</b> as an Animal Pound, as provided for in the <i>Municipal Act</i> .   |
| <b>ASSISTANCE DOG</b>         | means a <b>dog</b> specifically trained to assist a person with disabilities in the performance of daily activities.  |
| <b>AVIARY</b>                 | means a building, cage or structure for the breeding or keeping of birds, other than <b>poultry</b> .   |
| <b>BEE</b>                    | means the insect <i>Apis mellifera</i> .  |
| <b>BUILDING</b>               | means a <b>structure</b> having a roof supported by columns or walls <b>used</b> for the shelter or accommodation of persons, animals or chattels.  |
| <b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>     | 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.   |
| <b>CITY</b>                   | means the City of Richmond.   |
| <b>CONTRACTOR</b>             | means the person, firm or society with whom the <b>City</b> has entered into an agreement for (i) the operation of an <b>animal shelter</b> ; (ii) the provision of animal control services; (iii) the provision and supplying of <b>Animal Control Officers</b> ; (iv) the licencing of <b>dogs</b> ; and (v) the issuing of tickets under the provisions of the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw. |

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| <b>COUNCIL</b>   | means the current Council of the <b>City</b> .  |
| <b>DESIGNATED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA</b>                     | means an area posted by sign, which defines the geographic area and/or time period that <b>dogs</b> can be off-leash.   |
| <b>DOG</b>   | means a <b>household pet</b> of the canine species.   |
| <b>DOMESTIC (FARM) ANIMAL</b>                            | means a horse, mule, donkey, hynnie, swine, sheep, or goat, or cow, or other <b>animal</b> of the bovine species, but excluding a <b>household pet</b> .  |
| <b>DWELLING UNIT</b>                                     | 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.   |
| <b>ENCLOSURE</b>   | 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 <b>dog</b> . |
| <b>EXOTIC BIRD</b>                                       | means those avian species which are not normally native to the Province of British Columbia.  |
| <b>FURBEARING ANIMAL</b>                                 | means any fox, beaver, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, racoon, skunk, chinchilla, fisher, or other like <b>animal</b> , other than a <b>household pet</b> .   |
| <b>GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE &amp; CORPORATE SERVICES</b> | means the person appointed by <b>Council</b> to the position of General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, or an alternate.   |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD PET</b>                                     | means a domesticated <b>animal</b> or bird normally kept:<br><br>(a) in a <b>one-family dwelling</b> , a <b>two-family dwelling</b> or a <b>multiple-family dwelling</b> ; and<br>(b) for pleasure rather than utility.               |
| <b>IMPOUNDED</b>   | means seized, delivered, received or taken into the <b>animal shelter</b> , or into the custody of the <b>Animal Control Officer</b> .  |
| <b>LICENCE INSPECTOR</b>                                 | means a person appointed by <b>Council</b> as Licence Inspector for the <b>City</b> , and includes Bylaw Enforcement Officers and the Chief Licence Inspector.  |
| <b>MAINTENANCE FEES</b>                                  | means the fees specified in Schedule A which are charged, for each day that an <b>animal</b> or bird is <b>impounded</b> , commencing the day after impoundment.  |
| <b>MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER</b>                            | means the Medical Health Officer appointed under the <i>Health Act</i> , to act within the limits of the jurisdiction of any local board, or within any health district.  |

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| <b>MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING</b> | means a building containing two or more dwelling units.   |
| <b>MUZZLED</b>                  | means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength placed over the mouth of a <b>dog</b> designed to prevent the <b>dog</b> from biting or injuring any person or another <b>animal</b> .   |
| <b>ONE-FAMILY DWELLING</b>      | means a detached building used exclusively for residential purposes, containing one dwelling unit only.   |
| <b>OWN/OWNER/OWNED</b>          | includes possessor, harbourer, or keeper and "owned" includes possessed, harboured, or kept.  |
| <b>PARCEL</b>                   | means a lot, block, or other area in which land is held or into which land is legally subdivided.   |
| <b>POLICE OFFICER</b>           | means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.  |
| <b>POULTRY</b>                  | means a turkey, goose, duck, fowl, or other bird normally kept for human consumption, excluding <b>exotic birds</b> and registered homing pigeons used for hobby or show purposes or racing.  |
| <b>RESIDENTIAL</b>              | means a <b>use</b> 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 <i>Correction Act</i> .   |
| <b>RUNNING AT LARGE</b>         | means:<br>(a) being elsewhere than on the premises of the <b>owner</b> , while not in the immediate and effective control of a competent person; and<br>(b) with respect to a <b>vicious dog</b> , means any <b>dog</b> which is not kept in compliance with the requirements of subsection 2.2.4.  |
| <b>STOREY</b>                   | 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.  |
| <b>STRUCTURE</b>                | means a construction of any kind whether fixed to, supported by, or sunk into land or water.  |
| <b>TWO-FAMILY DWELLING</b>      | means a detached <b>building used</b> exclusively for residential purposes containing two <b>dwelling units</b> only, which <b>building</b> is not readily convertible into additional <b>dwelling units</b> and the plans for which have been filed with the <b>Building inspector</b> showing all areas of the building finished, the design of the <b>building</b> 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.

#### **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.

#### **VICIOUS DOG**

means:

- (a) any **dog** that has killed or injured:
  - (i) any person; or
  - (ii) another **animal** while **running at large**; or
- (b) any **dog** that aggressively harasses or pursues another person or **animal** while **running at large**; or
- (c) any **dog** primarily owned or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for dog fighting; or
- (d) 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.

#### **WILD ANIMAL**

means an **animal** not ordinarily tame or domesticated, and includes an exotic animal or reptile.

## **PART NINE: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

### **9.1 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 TEN: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

- 10.1 Animal and Bird Control Bylaw No. 3825 (adopted March, 1980) and Amendment Bylaw No. 6506 (adopted August, 1995) are repealed.
- 10.2 Bee Regulation Bylaw No. 3523 (adopted March, 1978) is hereby repealed.

## PART ELEVEN: SEVERABILITY & CITATION

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 This bylaw is cited as “**Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137**”.

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**SCHEDULE A to BYLAW NO. 7137****1(a) IMPOUNDMENT FEES - DOGS****(i) FIRST impoundment in any calendar year:**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Neutered Male or Spayed Female <b>Dog</b> | \$20  |
| Non-Neutered or Unspayed <b>Dog</b>       | \$30  |
| <b>Vicious Dog</b>                        | \$200 |

**(ii) SECOND impoundment in any calendar year:**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Neutered Male or Spayed Female <b>Dog</b> | \$30  |
| Non-Neutered or Unspayed <b>Dog</b>       | \$50  |
| <b>Vicious Dog</b>                        | \$500 |

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

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Neutered Male or Spayed Female <b>Dog</b> | \$100   |
| Non-Neutered or Unspayed <b>Dog</b>       | \$100   |
| <b>Vicious Dog</b>                        | \$1,000 |

**1(b) ADDITIONAL IMPOUNDMENT FEES – UNLICENCED DOGS**

In addition to the fees payable under Section 1 and Section 3 (if applicable), a further impoundment fee of \$15.00 will be charged for an **unlicensed dog**, plus the amount of the required current licence, where such **dog** is not currently licenced.

**1(c) MAINTENANCE FEES – DOGS AND CATS**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| For each day or portion of the day, per <b>animal</b> | \$5 |
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**2(a) IMPOUNDMENT FEES – OTHER ANIMALS**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Per <b>animal</b> | \$30                      |
|                   | plus transportation costs |

**2(b) MAINTENANCE FEES – OTHER ANIMALS EXCLUDING DOGS AND CATS**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| For each day or a portion of a day, per <b>animal</b> | \$7 |
|---|-----|

**3(a) IMPOUNDMENT FEES - BIRDS**

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Per bird | \$0.25 |
|----------|--------|

**3(b) MAINTENANCE FEES – BIRDS**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| For each day or a portion of a day, per <b>animal</b> | \$0.50 |
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CITY OF RICHMOND  
**DOG LICENCING BYLAW NO. 7138**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

**PART ONE: DOG LICENCING REQUIREMENTS**

**1.1 Requirement to Possess a Dog Licence**

1.1.1 Every person who keeps or has in his or her possession, any **dog** over the age of 8 weeks, must:

- (a) obtain a **dog licence** for such **dog** in accordance with this bylaw;
- (b) attach such **dog licence** to a suitable collar on the **dog**; and
- (c) produce such **dog licence** at the request of either a **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer**.

**1.2 Authority to Issue Dog Licences and Receive Fees**

1.2.1 A **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer**, has the authority to:

- (a) receive **dog licence** fees, and
  - (b) issue **dog licences** and replacement **dog licences**
- on behalf of the **City**.

**1.3 Neutered and Spayed Dogs**

1.3.1 Every person applying for a **dog licence** for a neutered or spayed **dog** must present written certification from a licenced veterinarian, that such **dog** has been neutered or spayed.

**1.4 Vicious Dogs - Liability Insurance**

1.4.1 Before issuing a **dog licence** for a **dog** which in the opinion of a **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer**, is a **vicious dog**, such **Licence Inspector** or **Animal Control Officer** may require the **owner** of such **dog** to provide proof of liability insurance of at least \$500,000.

1.4.2 The liability insurance specified in subsection 1.4.1 must cover:

- (a) the entire period of licencing;
- (b) the premises where such **vicious dog** is kept, and



- (c) claims arising out of **dog** bites or **dog** attacks caused by the **dog** for which the **dog licence** is sought.

## PART TWO: DOG LICENCES AND FEES

### 2.1 Annual Licence Fees

- 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, is payable for each **dog** over the age of 6 months.
- 2.1.2 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 either a **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer**, of such **owner's** age.
- 2.1.3 The provisions of subsection 2.1.2 do not apply to a replacement **dog licence** issued in accordance with section 2.3.

### 2.2 Dog Licence Period

- 2.2.1 Every **dog licence** expires on the thirty-first day of December, following the date on which such **dog licence** takes effect.

### 2.3 Replacement Dog Licence

- 2.3.1 A replacement **dog licence** may be issued upon payment of the fee shown in Section 3 of Schedule A when:
  - (a) the original **dog licence** has been lost or stolen, or
  - (b) a valid and current **dog licence** for the **dog** in question has been issued by another **jurisdiction**.

### 2.4 Change of Ownership

- 2.4.1 In case of a change of ownership of a licenced **dog** during the calendar year for which such **dog** is licenced, the original **owner** of the **dog** must notify a **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer** of such change of ownership.

### 2.5 Exemptions from Licencing

- 2.5.1 The provisions of this bylaw do not apply to any **dog**:
  - (a) **owned** by, and harboured at, Commercial or Hobby Dog Kennels for which a business licence has been issued by the **City**;
  - (b) whose **owner** has obtained a **dog licence** for such **dog**:

- (i) under the provisions of the *Livestock Protection Act*, or
- (ii) pursuant to a bylaw of another **jurisdiction**,

for the unexpired portion of the licencing period.

- 2.5.2 A **dog licence** will be provided at no charge, for an **assistance dog** or **assistance dog** in training, which has been certified by a training facility acceptable to either the **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer**, provided that appropriate proof of such certification is provided to either the **Licence Inspector** or the **Animal Control Officer**.

## 2.6 Authority To Enter Onto Property

- 2.6.1 The **Licence Inspector** or an **Animal Control Officer** are 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.

## PART THREE: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

### 3.1 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; or
- (d) makes any false or misleading statement,

is deemed to have committed an infraction of, or an offence against, this bylaw and 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 FOUR: INTERPRETATION

### 4.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

means:

- (a) a **Licence Inspector**; 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 *Municipal Act*.

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| <b>ASSISTANCE DOG</b>           | means a <b>dog</b> specifically trained to assist a person with disabilities in the performance of daily activities.  |
| <b>CITY</b>                     | means the City of Richmond.   |
| <b>CONTRACTOR</b>               | means the person, firm or society with whom the <b>City</b> has entered into an agreement for (i) the operation of an <b>animal shelter</b> ; (ii) the provision of animal control services; (iii) the provision and supplying of <b>Animal Control Officers</b> ; (iv) the licencing of <b>dogs</b> ; and (v) the issuing of tickets under the provisions of the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw. |
| <b>COUNCIL</b>                  | means the Council of the <b>City</b> .  |
| <b>DOG</b>                      | means a <b>household pet</b> of the canine species.   |
| <b>DOG LICENCE</b>              | means a tag issued by the <b>City</b> , on which is stamped the dog licence number and calendar year for which such dog licence is valid.   |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD PET</b>            | means a domesticated <b>animal</b> normally kept:<br><br>(a) in a <b>one-family dwelling</b> or a <b>multiple-family dwelling</b> ; and<br>(b) for pleasure rather than utility.  |
| <b>JURISDICTION</b>             | means any municipality in British Columbia.   |
| <b>LICENCE INSPECTOR</b>        | means a person appointed by <b>Council</b> as Licence Inspector for the <b>City</b> , and includes Bylaw Enforcement Officers and the Chief Licence Inspector.  |
| <b>MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING</b> | means a building containing two or more dwelling units, and includes any property on which such multiple-family dwelling unit is located.   |
| <b>ONE-FAMILY DWELLING</b>      | means a detached building used exclusively for residential purposes, containing one dwelling unit only, and includes the property on which such one-family dwelling unit is located.  |
| <b>OWN/OWNER/OWNED</b>          | includes possessor, harbourer, or keeper, and "owned" includes possessed, harboured, or kept.   |
| <b>RUNNING AT LARGE</b>         | means:<br><br>(a) being elsewhere than on the premises of the <b>owner</b> , while not in the immediate and effective control of a competent person; and  |

- (b) with respect to a **vicious dog**, means any **dog** which is not kept in compliance with the requirements of subsection 2.2.4 of the Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw .

**VICIOUS DOG**

means any **dog**:

- (a) that has killed or injured:
- (i) any person; or
  - (ii) another **animal** while **running at large**; or
- (b) that aggressively harasses or pursues another person or **animal** while **running at large**; or
- (c) primarily owned or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for dog fighting.

**PART FIVE: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL**

- 5.1 Dog Licencing and Pound Establishment Bylaw No. 4323 (adopted May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1984), and the following amendment bylaws, are repealed:

| <u>AMENDMENT BYLAW</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5578                   | September 24, 1990    |
| 5641                   | December 10, 1990     |
| 5716                   | May 27, 1991          |
| 5809                   | December 9, 1991      |
| 5793                   | June 1, 1992          |
| 6281                   | June 13, 1994         |
| 7099                   | March 27, 2000        |

**PART SIX: SEVERABILITY & CITATION**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 This bylaw is cited as “**Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138**”.

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**SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 7138****SCHEDULE OF FEES**

|  | Paid Before<br>March 1st<br>current year | Paid on or after<br>March 1st of<br>current year |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Male or female dog  | \$36.00                                  | \$40.00  |
| 2. Neutered or spayed dog  | \$16.00                                  | \$20.00  |
| 3. Replacement tag or each dog tag lost or stolen or<br>for each <b>dog licence</b> to replace a valid <b>dog<br/>licence</b> from another <b>jurisdiction</b> . | \$ 5.00                                  | \$5.00   |

CITY OF RICHMOND

**MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION  
BYLAW NO. 7139**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

**PART ONE: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1.1 The bylaws listed in Column 1 of Schedule A may be enforced by means of a ticket, prescribed for that purpose, by regulation, under the *Municipal Act*.
- 1.2 The persons appointed to the positions listed in Column 2 of Schedule A are designated as Bylaw Enforcement Officers pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, for the purpose of enforcing the bylaws listed in Column 1 of Schedule A, opposite the respective positions.
- 1.3 The words or expressions shown in Column 1 of Schedule B 1 through B 14 inclusive, designate the offence committed under the bylaw section number appearing in Column 2, opposite the respective words or expressions.
- 1.4 The dollar amounts appearing in Column 3 of Schedules B 1 through B 14 inclusive, are the fines established pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, for the corresponding offences designated in Column 1.
- 1.5 Schedule A, together with Schedules B 1 through B 14 inclusive, are designated a part of this bylaw.

**PART TWO: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL**

- 2.1 Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7027 (adopted on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000) and Amendment Bylaw 7134 is repealed.

**PART THREE: SEVERABILITY AND BYLAW CITATION**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 This bylaw is cited as **“Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7139”**.

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**SCHEDULE A**Column 1Column 2**Designated Bylaws****Designated Bylaw Enforcement Officers**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation<br>Bylaw No. 7137 | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Animal Control Officer<br>- Member of the RCMP                              |
| 2. Business Licence Bylaw No. 6901                        | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Licence Inspector<br>- Member of the RCMP                                   |
| 3. Business Regulation Bylaw No. 6902                     | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Licence Inspector<br>- Member of the RCMP                                   |
| 4. Commercial Vehicle Licencing Bylaw<br>No. 4716         | - Parking Patroller<br>- Licence Inspector<br>- Member of the RCMP  |
| 5. Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138                           | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Licence Inspector<br>- Animal Control Officer                               |
| 6. Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 4564                         | - Property Use Inspector  |
| 7. Firecracker and Fireworks Regulation<br>Bylaw No. 2116 | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Member of the RCMP  |
| 8. Public Health Protection Bylaw 6989                    | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Public Health Inspector<br>- Animal Control Officer<br>- Member of the RCMP |
| 9. Sign Bylaw No. 5560                                    | - Property Use Inspector  |
| 10. Solid Waste & Recycling Regulation<br>Bylaw No. 6803  | - Property Use Inspector  |
| 11. Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 5561                     | - Property Use Inspector  |
| 12. Vehicle for Hire Regulation Bylaw<br>No. 6900         | - Property Use Inspector<br>- Licence Inspector<br>- Member of the RCMP                                   |
| 13. Water Restriction Bylaw No. 6085                      | - Property Use Inspector  |
| 14. Zoning and Development Bylaw<br>No. 5300              | - Property Use Inspector  |



**SCHEDULE B 1****ANIMAL, BIRD & BEEKEEPING REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7137**

| Column 1  | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>  | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Animal attached to a fixed object with a choke device             | 1.1.1(a)             | \$100       |
| Animal confined to an enclosed space without adequate ventilation | 1.1.1(b)             | \$100       |
| Animal deprived of food or water                                  | 1.2.1(a)             | \$100       |
| Animal receptacles unclean or contaminated                        | 1.2.1(b)             | \$100       |
| Insufficient exercise of animal                                   | 1.2.1(c)             | \$100       |
| Deprivation of veterinary care of animal                          | 1.2.1(d)             | \$100       |
| Inadequate outdoor shelter  | 1.3.1<br>(a) to (c)  | \$100       |
| Owning more than 3 dogs in a one-family or two-family dwelling    | 2.2.1.1              | \$100       |
| Owning more than 2 dogs in a multiple-family dwelling             | 2.2.1.2              | \$100       |
| Failure by owner to leash dog                                     | 2.2.2.1              | \$ 75       |
| Failure by owner to maintain effective control of dog             | 2.2.2.1(c)           | \$ 75       |
| Failure by owner to leash dog showing aggressive behaviour        | 2.2.2.2              | \$100       |
| Failure by owner to clean up dog excrement                        | 2.2.3.1              | \$ 75       |
| Failure by owner to control vicious dog                           | 2.2.4.1<br>(a), (b)  | \$200       |
| Failure by owner to deliver vicious dog to Animal Control Officer | 7.3.4(b)             | \$200       |

**SCHEDULE B 2****BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW NO. 6901**

| Column 1                               | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                         | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Operating a business without a licence | 4.1.1                | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 3****BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6902**

| Column 1  | Column 2               | Column 3       |
|---|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Offence</b>  | <b>Bylaw Section</b>   | <b>Fine</b>    |
| Failure to produce a licence  | 1.1.1(a)               | \$100          |
| Failure to display a licence  | 1.1.1(c)(i)            | \$ 50          |
| Operating amusement machines outside the permitted hours  | 4.2.3                  | \$100          |
| Operating more than 4 amusement machines when not permitted   | 4.3.1(f)               | \$100          |
| Failure to provide written notice of change in personnel employed/engaged by body-painting/body-rub studio    | 5A.1.1(a)              | \$100          |
| Operating a billiard/pool hall outside the permitted hours  | 5.1.1                  | \$100          |
| Permitting an unaccompanied person under the age of 16 to be present in a billiard/pool hall                  | 5.2.1(a)               | \$100          |
| Failure to provide written notice of change in personnel employed/engaged by escort service                   | 6.1.1(a)               | \$100          |
| Failure to provide written notice of change in personnel employed/engaged by massage therapist (unregistered) | 9.1.1                  | \$100          |
| Peddler standing/locating directly outside premises which offers the same or similar items for sale           | 11.2.1(a)<br>12.2.1(a) | \$100<br>\$100 |

**SCHEDULE B 3 Continued**

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| Displaying or selling farm produce which is grown or raised outside the City                         | 14.2.1(a) | \$100 |
| Displaying or selling farm produce which is grown or raised outside the Province of British Columbia | 14.3.1    | \$100 |
| Selling of firewood which is not ancillary to the sale of farm produce                               | 14.4.3    | \$100 |
| Failure to maintain a second-hand dealer/pawnbrokers' register as required                           | 15.1.1(a) | \$100 |
| Failure to produce a second-hand dealer/pawnbrokers' register  | 15.1.1(b) | \$100 |

**SCHEDULE B 4****COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENCING BYLAW NO. 4716**

| Column 1   | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                                       | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Operating Commercial Vehicle without Municipal Plate | 3 (1)                | \$ 50       |
| Failure to correctly display Municipal Plate         | 11                   | \$ 50       |

**SCHEDULE B 5****DOG LICENCING BYLAW NO. 7138**

| Column 1                                    | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                              | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Failure to obtain dog licence               | 1.1.1(a)             | \$100       |
| Failure to produce dog licence upon request | 1.1.1(c)             | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 6****FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW NO. 4564**

| Column 1  | Column 2                 | Column 3    |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                                  | <b>Bylaw<br/>Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Open Burning                                    | 8 (a)                    | \$ 50       |
| Burning in public place without permit          | 8 (b)                    | \$ 50       |
| Burning commercial waste without permit         | 9 (c)                    | \$100       |
| Burning construction waste without permit       | 9 (c)                    | \$100       |
| Obstructing hydrant, standpipe or chicago valve | 11                       | \$ 50       |

**SCHEDULE B 7****FIRECRACKER AND FIREWORKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 2116**

| Column 1                                     | Column 2                 | Column 3    |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                               | <b>Bylaw<br/>Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Selling firecrackers                         | 3 (a)                    | \$100       |
| Selling fireworks to a person under 18 years | 3 (b)                    | \$100       |
| Discharging or possessing firecrackers       | 4 (a)                    | \$ 50       |
| Possessing fireworks under 18 years          | 4 (b)                    | \$ 50       |

**SCHEDULE B 8****PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BYLAW 6989**

| Column 1   | Column 2              | Column 3    |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>   | <b>Bylaw Section</b>  | <b>Fine</b> |
| <b>Subdivision Three – Noise Regulation</b>  |                       |             |
| Making noise which disturbs  | 31.1.1(a)             | \$100       |
| Permitting noise which disturbs  | 3.1.1.1(a)            | \$100       |
| Equipment noise which disturbs   | 3.1.1.1(b)            | \$100       |
| Animal noise which disturbs  | 3.1.1.1(b)            | \$100       |
| Vehicle noise which disturbs   | 3.1.1.1(b)            | \$100       |
| Machinery noise which disturbs   | 3.1.1.1(b)            | \$100       |
| <b>Subdivision Five – Rodent Control Regulation</b>  |                       |             |
| Keeping/storing of materials which provide shelter/<br>refuge/food for rodents               | 5.1.1.1(a)            | \$100       |
| Allowing/permitting the accumulation of materials which<br>provide a food source for rodents | 5.1.1.1(b)            | \$100       |
| Keeping/maintaining any animals/birds which provide<br>shelter/refuge/food for rodents       | 5.1.1.1(c)            | \$100       |
| Failure to construct/repair/alter buildings to prevent<br>rodent access/harbourage           | 5.1.2.1(a)            | \$100       |
| Failure to destroy/eliminate food which has been<br>contaminated by rodents                  | 5.1.2.1(b)            | \$100       |
| <b>Subdivision Six – Smoking Control &amp; Regulation</b>                                    |                       |             |
| Operator permitting smoking  | 6.1.1.1<br>(a) to (k) | \$100       |
| Operator permitting smoking  | 6.1.1.2               | \$100       |
| Operator of city facility permitting smoking   | 6.1.1.2               | \$100       |
| Failure of operator to post smoking prohibition signage                                      | 6.1.1.3               | \$100       |
| Deficient smoking prohibition signage  | 6.2.1                 | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 9****SIGN BYLAW NO. 5560**

| Column 1  | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                                      | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Displaying or altering sign not conforming to bylaw | 4                    | \$100       |
| Displaying sign on public property                  | 5(b)                 | \$100       |
| Failing to remove abandoned sign                    | 5(c)                 | \$100       |
| Displaying a portable sign                          | 5(d)                 | \$100       |
| Displaying sign without permit                      | 11                   | \$100       |
| Maintaining sign without permit                     | 12                   | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 10****SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6803**

| Column 1  | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>  | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Depositing or dumping garbage.  | 3.1.2                | \$100       |
| Placement of garbage container/recycling receptacle out for collection on a property other than the property from which it came | 8.2                  | \$100       |
| Tampering or removal of garbage/recyclable materials left for collection by another person on another property                  | 10.3                 | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 11****UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW NO. 5561**

| Column 1                                   | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                             | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Placing graffiti on public property        | 2                    | \$100       |
| Allowing real property to become unsightly | 3(a)                 | \$100       |
| Allowing noxious matter to accumulate      | 3(b)                 | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 12****VEHICLE FOR HIRE BYLAW NO. 6900**

| Column 1  | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>  | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Failure to submit a vehicle for inspection, upon receiving notification | 3.1.1                | \$100       |
| Failure to display a Chauffeur's Permit                                 | 3.3.1(e)             | \$ 50       |
| Operating with unsealed taximeter                                       | 3.6.3                | \$100       |
| Failure to display a tariff card  | 3.7.1(a)             | \$100       |
| Obstructing or attaching a vehicle which is occupied                    | 6.2.2(c)<br>6.3.8(d) | \$100       |
| Towing a vehicle which is occupied                                      | 6.2.2(c)<br>6.3.8(d) | \$100       |
| Towing a vehicle without a completed Tow-away Notice                    | 6.3.1(b)             | \$100       |
| Overcharging for vehicle release from private parking lots              | 6.3.6(b)             | \$100       |
| Failure to retain or make daily records available for inspection        | 6.5.2                | \$100       |
| Overcharging for towing from private parking lots                       | 6.6.1                | \$100       |
| Overcharging for storage during impoundment                             | 6.6.1                | \$100       |
| Overcharging for towing from a scene of accident                        | 6.6.2                | \$100       |

**SCHEDULE B 13****WATER RESTRICTION BYLAW NO. 6085**

| Column 1                   | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>             | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Sprinkling when restricted | 3.1(a)               | \$ 75       |
| Sprinkling when restricted | 3.1(b)               | \$ 75       |
| Sprinkling when restricted | 3.2(a)(i)            | \$ 75       |
| Sprinkling when restricted | 3.2(a)(ii)           | \$ 75       |
| Improper use of a hose     | 3.2(b)               | \$ 75       |
| Washing motor vehicle      | 3.2(c)               | \$ 75       |
| Sprinkling when restricted | 3.3(a)               | \$ 75       |
| Improper use of a hose     | 3.3(b)               | \$ 75       |
| Improper watering          | 3.3(c)               | \$ 75       |
| Failing to display permit  | 5.3                  | \$ 75       |

**SCHEDULE B 14****ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW NO. 5300**

| Column 1                                    | Column 2             | Column 3    |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Offence</b>                              | <b>Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Fine</b> |
| Parking or storing large commercial vehicle | 202.1                | \$100       |
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| Parking or storing large commercial vehicle | 206.1                | \$100       |
| Parking or storing large commercial vehicle | 221.1                | \$100       |
| Parking or storing large commercial vehicle | 222.1                | \$100       |
| Parking or storing large commercial vehicle | 231.1                | \$100       |



CITY OF RICHMOND

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 6989,  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7140**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 6989 is amended by adding the following as Subdivision One-A:

**“SUBDIVISION ONE-A: ANIMAL AND BIRD REGULATION**

**PART 1A.1 General Provisions**

1A.1.1 Restrictions in All Areas of the City

- 1A.1.1.1 Every person must ensure that dead animals, and any animal wastes are stored and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

1A.1.2 Restrictions in Residential Areas

- 1A.1.2.1 A person must not slaughter any animal in any residential area or multi-family residential area.

1A.1.3 Infectious or Communicable Diseases

- 1A.1.3.1 A person must not bring any animal or bird infected with an infectious or communicable disease into the **City**.

- 1A.1.3.2 If any animal or bird kept within the **City** becomes infected with any disease communicable to humans, the owner must immediately have the animal or bird isolated and professionally treated.

- 1A1.3.3 When any animal or bird is known to have died of an infectious or communicable disease, the owner must:

- (a) immediately notify the **Medical Health Officer**;
- (b) dispose of the carcass; and
- (c) clean and disinfect any area possibly infected by such carcass,

as directed by the **Medical Health Officer**.”

2. This bylaw is cited as “**Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989, Amendment Bylaw No. 7140**”.

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