



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning
Re: Animal Control Regulations

To General Purposes - Sep. 16/02
Date: September 5, 2002
File: 8060-20-7424

Staff Recommendation

That the following amendment bylaws which deal with animal control regulations be introduced and given first, second and third readings:

1. Amendment Bylaw No. 7424 which amends Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137;
2. Amendment Bylaw No. 7426 which amends Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7148.

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Business Liaison & Development.....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Staff Report

Origin

In the course of up-dating and re-structuring the City's bylaws over the past few years, a number of animal control regulations which had been scattered throughout a number of bylaws were pulled out with a view to moving them to the appropriate bylaws. The attached bylaw amendments place these various regulations in the appropriate bylaws.

Analysis

Staff are of the view that regulations concerning the operation of commercial kennels should be contained in Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7148 as these regulations concern the manner in which kennel businesses are operated. The regulations dictate the minimum parcel size on which such businesses may be operated and contain requirements for how animals must be cared for and boarded.

Amendment Bylaw No. 7424 which amends Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137 regulates the maximum number of specific types of animals which may be kept on specified types of properties.

It should be noted that none of the proposed provisions are new, but rather are regulations which were previously contained in existing City bylaws and are now being consolidated.

Financial Impact

Nil.

Conclusion

Amendment Bylaw No. 7426 which amends Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7148 and Amendment Bylaw No. 7424 which amends Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137 consolidate various animal control regulations into the appropriate bylaws.



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**Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137,
Amendment Bylaw No. 7424**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 2.1.2 of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following:
 - 2.1.2.3 A person may keep a maximum of five (5) **pigeons** in a **one-family dwelling** or **two-family dwelling**.
 - 2.1.2.4 A person must not keep **pigeons** in a **multiple-family dwelling**.
 - 2.1.2.5 An **aviary** must be located at least two (2) metres from any property line.
2. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following as subsection 2.3.1.2:
 - 2.3.1.2 A person may keep a maximum of two (2) **rabbits** in a **one-family dwelling**, **two-family dwelling**, or a **multiple-family dwelling**.
3. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following provisions as subsection 2.1 and re-numbering the remaining provisions of Part Two as required:
 - 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**.

4. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by deleting the existing subsection 3.11 and substituting the following:

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.

5. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by deleting subsection 4.1.1 and substituting the following:

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.

6. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following as subsection 5.2:

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).

7. Part 6 of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following as subsection 6.2:

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).

8. Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following as Part Six-A:

PART SIX-A: FURBEARING ANIMALS

6A.1 General Prohibition

6A.1.1 A person must not keep a **furbearing animal** in a **one-family dwelling**, **two-family dwelling**, or a **multiple-family dwelling**.

9. Part Eight of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

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

PIGEON means a bird of the family columbidae.

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.

10. Part Eight of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by deleting the definitions of “Dog”, “Domestic Farm Animal” and “Poultry” and replacing them with the following:

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

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**.

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.

11. Part Eight of Bylaw No. 7137 is amended by deleting the words “or reptile” from the definition of “Wild Animal”.

12. This bylaw is cited as **“Animal, Bird & Beekeeping Regulation Bylaw No. 7137, Amendment Bylaw No. 7424”**.

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Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7148, Amendment Bylaw No. 7426

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 11.1.1 of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting “commercial or hobby **dog kennel**” and substituting “**commercial dog kennel, hobby dog kennel**”.
2. Subsection 11.1.2 of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting “commercial or hobby **dog kennel**” and substituting “**commercial dog kennel, hobby dog kennel**”.
3. Subsection 11.1.3 of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting “commercial or hobby **dog kennel**” and substituting “**commercial dog kennel, hobby dog kennel**”.
4. Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by adding the following as subsections 11.1.1, 11.1.2, and 11.1.3 and re-numbering the remaining provisions of subsection 11.1:

11.1.1 A **commercial dog kennel** or **cat kennel** may only be located on a **parcel** which is at least two (2) hectares (4.94 acres) in size and has a frontage of at least 60 metres (197 feet).

11.1.2 A dog daycare facility may only be located on a **parcel** which is at least one (1) hectare (2.5 acres) in size and has a frontage of at least 38 metres (125 feet).

11.1.3 A **hobby dog kennel** may only be located on a **parcel** which is at least 4,050 square metres (1 acre) in size and has a frontage of at least 18 metres (60 feet).

5. Part Twenty-Five of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting the definition of “Dog Kennel” and inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order:

**COMMERCIAL
DOG KENNEL**

means a building, structure, compound, group of pens or cages or property in which or where three (3) or more **dogs** are, or are intended to be, trained, cared for, boarded, or kept for any purpose in exchange for a fee, and without limiting the foregoing, includes a building or part of a building in which five (5) or more **dogs** are kept for breeding purposes.

HOBBY DOG KENNEL

means a building, structure, compound, group of pens or cages or property in which or where up to five (5) **dogs** are kept for breeding, showing or other hobby purposes.

- 6. Part Twenty-Five of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting the definition of “dog” and substituting the following:

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

- 7. Part Twenty-Five of Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by adding the following definition:

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

- 8. Bylaw No. 7148 is amended by deleting all references to “lot” and substituting “parcel”.

- 9. This Bylaw is cited as “**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7148, Amendment Bylaw No. 7426**”.


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