



DOG LICENCING

BYLAW NO. 7138

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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 **owns** any **dog** or **dangerous dog** over the age of eight (8) weeks, must:

- (a) obtain a **dog licence** for such **dog** or **dangerous dog** in accordance with this bylaw; and
- (b) attach such **dog licence**:
 - (i) to a suitable collar or harness around the neck of the **dog** or **dangerous dog**, while not on a **leash**; or
 - (ii) to a **leash** attached to a **dog** or **dangerous dog**; and
- (c) produce such **dog licence** for a **dog** or **dangerous dog** at the request of 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.

PART TWO: DOG LICENCES AND FEES

2.1 Annual Licence Fees

- 2.1.1 An annual, non-refundable **dog licence** fee in the amount set from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, is payable for each **dog** or **dangerous dog** over the age of eight (8) weeks.
- 2.1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2.1.1, every **dog licence** fee paid by an **owner** who is of the age of 65 or older, will be reduced by 50% of the amount set from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636 upon production of proof, satisfactory to the **City**, of such **owner's** age provided that:
- (a) for **dogs** or **dangerous dogs**,
 - (i) licensed in the previous calendar year, the **dog licence** fee is paid prior to March 1 of the current licence year; or
 - (ii) acquired during the current licence year, the **dog licence** fee is paid within thirty (30) days of acquiring the **dog** or **dangerous dog**; and
 - (b) the **dog** or **dangerous dog** is neutered or spayed.
- 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 in the amount set from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636 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(a) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall result in liability for penalties and late payment amounts established in Schedule A of the *Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122*; and

(b) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the *Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122* in accordance with the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act, SBC 2003, c. 60*.

3.2 Every person who:

- (a) violates or contravenes any provision of this bylaw; or
- (c) neglects or refrains from doing anything required under the provisions of this bylaw,

commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), in addition to the costs of the prosecution, and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence.

PART FOUR: INTERPRETATION

4.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- ANIMAL CONTROL** means:
- (a) an employee of the **City**, appointed to the job position or title of bylaw enforcement officer or licence inspector, or acting in another capacity, on behalf of the **City** for the purpose of the enforcement of one or more of the **City** bylaws; 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*.
- ASSISTANCE DOG** means a **dog** specifically trained to assist a person with disabilities in the performance of daily activities.
- CITY** means the City of Richmond.
- 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 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 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 a **household pet** of the canine species.

DOG LICENCE

(a) for a **dog** (other than a **dangerous dog**), means the combination of:

- (i) a metal disc issued by the **City** for the life of the **dog**, on which is stamped the licence number for the **dog** and the name of the **City**; and
- (ii) a **licence decal** affixed to the reverse of the metal disc described in (i).

(b) for a **dangerous dog**, means the combination of:

- (i) a metal disc issued by the **City** for the life of the **dog**, on which is stamped the licence number for the **dog** and the name of the **City**; and
- (ii) a **licence decal** affixed to the reverse of the metal disc described in (a); and
- (iii) a red-coloured metal disc issued by the **City**, on which is stamped the phrase 'Dangerous Dog'

HOUSEHOLD PET

means a domesticated **animal** normally kept:

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

JURISDICTION

means any municipality in British Columbia.

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 **dog** or **dangerous dog** for which it will be (or is being) used. One end is securely affixed to a collar or harness which is securely attached to the **dog** or **dangerous dog** with the other end held by a

person capable of controlling the **dog** or **dangerous dog** at all times.

LICENCE DECAL

means a uniquely-coloured plastic disc issued by the **City**:

- (a) indicating the valid calendar year for the **dog licence**; and
- (b) confirming that the required **dog licence** fee has been paid for the calendar year indicated.

LICENCE INSPECTOR

means an employee of the **City**, appointed to the job position or title of inspector or officer, and includes Bylaw Enforcement Officers, Licence Inspectors and the Chief Licence Inspector.

MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING

means a building containing two or more dwelling units, and includes any property on which such multiple-family dwelling unit is located.

ONE-FAMILY DWELLING

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.

OWN/OWNER/OWNED

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

RUNNING AT LARGE

means:

- (a) being elsewhere than confined on the premises of the **owner**, while not on a **leash** and in the immediate and effective control of the **owner**; and/or
- (b) being on any property without the consent of the registered owner or occupier of that property; and/or
- (c) being in a **designated dog off-leash area**, where permitted, but not under the immediate and effective control of the **owner**.

PART FIVE: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

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

<u>AMENDMENT BYLAW</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
5578	September 24, 1990
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5793	June 1, 1992
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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**”.

PART SEVEN: FEES BYLAW

- 7.1 The Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, as may be amended from time to time, applies to this bylaw.