

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2015 November 03

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE **FILE #:** 46000-01

SUBJECT: 2016 DOG LICENCE FEES

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval for proposed 2016 dog licence fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council authorize staff to amend the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991, to provide for an increase in the fees as outlined in this report, effective 2016 January 01.

REPORT

Fees for Burnaby Dog Licences are contained in the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991, and have been established to offset the costs of providing animal control services. The dog licence fees were last revised in 2013.

For 2016 staff are recommending a fee increase of 4.92% based on Consumer Price Index changes over the last three years of 1.3% for 2013, 1.8% for 2014 and a projected rate of 2.1% for 2015. The proposed fees are rounded up to the nearest \$1, and will be amended in the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991 as follows:

Table 1 – Schedule A, Section 1

Schedule A		Current (\$)	Proposed (\$)	Change (\$)
1	<u>Annual Licence Fees</u>			
	<i><u>Before March 01st</u></i>			
	Unaltered dog	52.00	55.00	3.00
	Spayed or neutered dog	26.00	28.00	2.00
	Spayed or neutered vicious dog	100.00	105.00	5.00
	Unaltered vicious dog	150.00	158.00	8.00
	<i><u>After March 01st</u></i>			
	Unaltered dog	62.40	66.00	3.60
	Spayed or neutered dog	36.40	39.00	2.60
	Spayed or neutered vicious dog	100.00	105.00	5.00
	Unaltered vicious dog	150.00	158.00	8.00

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Table 2 – Schedule A, Sections 2 and 3

Schedule A		Current (\$)	Proposed (\$)	Change (\$)
2	<u>Licence Transfer Fees</u>			
	Transfer to new owner	10.00	11.00	1.00
	Transfer to replacement dog	10.00	11.00	1.00
3	<u>Replacement Licence Tag Fee</u>	5.00	6.00	1.00

Table 3 – Schedule B, Sections 1 - 5

Schedule B	Fee for Impoundment	Current (\$)	Proposed (\$)	Change (\$)
1	<u>For a licenced dog</u>			
	(a) first impoundment	50.00	53.00	3.00
	(b) second impoundment	150.00	158.00	8.00
	(c) third and subsequent impoundments	300.00	315.00	15.00
2	<u>For an unlicenced dog</u>			
	(a) first impoundment	100.00	105.00	5.00
	(b) second impoundment	200.00	210.00	10.00
	(c) third and subsequent impoundments	300.00	315.00	15.00
3	<u>For each vicious dog</u>			
	(a) first impoundment	200.00	210.00	10.00
	(b) each subsequent impoundment	400.00	420.00	20.00
4	<u>For all other animals</u>			
	(a) first impoundment	20.00	21.00	1.00
	(b) second impoundment	60.00	63.00	3.00
	(c) third and subsequent impoundments	120.00	126.00	6.00
5	For special equipment used, if any, to effect the impounding	10.00	11.00	1.00

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Table 4 – Schedule C

Maintenance Fees	Current (\$)	Proposed (\$)	Change (\$)
Per day or part of a day:			
(a) For each dog	15.00	16.00	1.00
(b) For each cat or small animal	5.00	6.00	1.00
(c) For any animal not listed in (a) or (b)	10.00	11.00	1.00

Comparative animal fees from other cities are found in Attachment 1. This data shows that Burnaby's proposed dog licence fees remain lower than the regional average. If Council is in support of the fee increases contained within this report it is recommended that Council give first, second, and third readings of the amended Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991 appearing elsewhere at the 2015 November 09 Council meeting to allow for billing of the new fees on 2015 December 01.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council authorize staff to amend the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991, to provide for the fees as outlined in this report, effective 2016 January 01. Advertisements of the new animal control fees would be placed in the *Info Burnaby* and in local newspapers.



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Attachment: 1 – Regional Dog Licencing Fees, Comparative Data for Schedule A, Section 1

cc: City Solicitor

REGIONAL DOG LICENCING FEES

Comparative Data for Schedule A, Section 1

Annual Dog Licence Fees	Coquitlam	District of North Vancouver	Maple Ridge	New Westminster	North Vancouver	Port Coquitlam	Port Moody	Richmond	Surrey	Vancouver	West Vancouver	Average (without Burnaby)	Burnaby (current)	Burnaby (proposed)
(a) Male or female dog														
Early Discount Rate	52	N/A	52	60	N/A	80	68.3	54.5	N/A	40	65	58.98	52	55.00
Without discounted rate	67	80	68	80	59	95	74.4	76	65	50	85	72.67	62.4	66.00
(b) Spayed or neutered dog														
Early Discount Rate	27	N/A	25	20	N/A	32	44.85	22	N/A	40	25	29.48	26	28.00
Without discounted rate	42	37.5	41	30	25	47	48.9	33	40	50	45	39.95	36.4	39.00
(c) Vicious Dog														
Early Discount Rate	103	N/A	200	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	218	N/A	N/A	N/A	180.25	N/A	N/A
Without discounted rate	118	92	270	250	200	N/A	494.2	272	258	N/A	200	239.36	150	158.00
(d) Spayed or neutered vicious Dog														
Early Discount Rate	62	N/A	200	150	N/A	N/A	N/A	164	N/A	N/A	N/A	144.00	N/A	N/A
Without discounted rate	77	92	270	200	200	N/A	494.2	218	258	N/A	200	223.24	100	105.00

(Source: rates extracted from individual website as of October 2015.)