



**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FEBRUARY, 2013**

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**SUBJECT**      **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW NO. 1465 “ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW NO. 1, 1986”**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to amend Bylaw No. 1465 by increasing dog license, impound and boarding fees.

**BACKGROUND**

Periodically Capital Regional District (CRD) staff review dog licensing, impoundment and shelter fees. The last comprehensive increase in dog license fees was in 2006, when a \$5 per license increase was imposed across all licenses. In 2010, the intact dog license fee was raised by \$10 because it was felt that intact dogs often take up more animal control resources than altered dogs. In order to keep pace with rising costs for animal control, another fee increase of \$5 across all licenses is proposed. The Table in Appendix 1 compares current fees to those proposed as well as shows comparisons between CRD fees and those of select municipalities. The \$5 early license renewal discount currently offered by the CRD will be maintained. While fee increases would be effective immediately, on bylaw adoption, most dog owners will have renewed as of March 1 (to avoid the late penalty). Therefore, the new fees will not be experienced by most dog owners until 2014.

The cost of impounding and keeping animals has increased every year while impounding fees have remained constant for several years. Increases are necessary to maintain our service level. We are proposing an increase for the first impoundment of a dog to \$75 from \$50 which is the same as the City of Victoria and District of Saanich, and first impoundment of a cat to \$25 from \$20 which is the same as the City of Victoria (the District of Saanich does not impound cats).

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Amend schedules “A” and “B” of Bylaw No. 1465 as presented.
2. Amend Schedule “A” of Bylaw No. 1465 only.
3. Amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw No. 1465 only.
4. Retain schedules “A” and “B” of Bylaw No. 1465 as is.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Animal Care Services has experienced higher costs year over year. The raising of fees for those using the service is in order. These small increases will help offset some of our costs.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1, to amend schedules “A” and “B” of Bylaw No. 1465 as presented.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Board:

- 1) that Bylaw No. 1465 “Animal Regulation and Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2013”, be introduced and read for a first time;
- 2) that Bylaw No. 1465 “Animal Regulation and Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2013”, be read a second time; and
- 3) that Bylaw No. 1465 “Animal Regulation and Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2013”, be read a third time.

**\*\*ORIGINAL SIGNED\*\***

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Don Brown  
Chief Bylaw Officer  
Bylaw and Animal Care

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Marg Misek-Evans, MCIP  
Acting General Manager  
Planning & Protective Services  
Concurrence

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Robert Lapham, MCIP  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Concurrence

Attachments: 2

Appendix 1: Comparison of Capital Regional District Current and Proposed Dog License Fees with Select Municipalities

<b>Dog License Fees by Area</b>	<b>Early Renewal (before December 31)</b>	<b>Before March 1</b>	<b>Late Purchase (after March 1)</b>
<b>CRD</b>			
Intact Dogs (current)	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
Proposed	(\$40.00)	(\$45.00)	(\$55.00)
Spayed/Neutered Dogs (current)	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Proposed	(\$20.00)	(\$25.00)	(\$35.00)
<b>SAANICH</b>			
Intact Dogs	N/A	\$35.00	\$40.00
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	N/A	\$25.00	\$30.00
<b>OAK BAY</b>			
Intact Dogs	N/A	\$55.00	\$60.00
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	N/A	\$39.00	\$44.00
<b>ESQUIMALT</b>			
Intact Dogs	N/A	\$36.00	\$41.00
Spayed/ Neutered Dogs	N/A	\$26.00	\$31.00
<b>VICTORIA</b>			
Intact Dogs	N/A	\$40.00	\$60.00
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	N/A	\$30.00	\$50.00

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 3884

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 1465, BEING "ANIMAL REGULATION AND  
IMPOUNDING BYLAW NO. 1, 1986"**  
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The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 1465, "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986" is amended as follows:
  - (1) by changing Schedule "A" the dog license fee for female dog (spayed) and male dog (neutered) to \$25 from \$20.
  - (2) by changing Schedule "A" the dog license fee for female dog (not spayed) and male dog (not neutered) to \$45 from \$40.
  - (3) by deleting Schedule "B" in its entirety and replacing it with a new Schedule "B" as attached.
  
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2013".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS                                 day of   , 2013.  
READ A SECOND TIME THIS                                 day of   , 2013.  
READ A THIRD TIME THIS                                 day of   , 2013.  
ADOPTED THIS   day of   , 2013.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**DOG LICENSE FEES**

(a)	Female Dog (not spayed)	\$45.00
(b)	Female Dog (spayed)	\$25.00
(c)	Male Dog (not neutered)	\$45.00
(d)	Male Dog (neutered)	\$25.00
(e)	Replacement of Lost License	\$5.00
(f)	Early Purchase Discount	\$5.00
(g)	Late Application Penalty	\$10.00
(h)	Breeding Kennel having four (4) or less dogs	\$75.00
(i)	Breeding Kennel having five (5) or more dogs	\$150.00
(j)	Boarding Kennel	\$200.00
(k)	Dangerous Dog License	\$100.00

**SCHEDULE "B"**

1. DOGS
  - (1) First impoundment fee \$75.00
  - (2) Second impoundment fee \$100.00
  - (3) Third impound fee \$150.00
    - (a) \$50.00 incremental increase for each additional impound
  - (4) Penalty added to impoundment fee for unlicensed dogs \$50.00
  - (5) Maintenance and sustenance charge for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the dog has remained in the pound \$15.00
2. CATS
  - (1) Impound fee \$25.00
  - (2) Maintenance and sustenance charge for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the cat has remained in the pound \$10.00
3. ASS, CATTLE, GOAT, HORSE, MONKEY, MULE, SHEEP, SWINE, ANY ANIMAL OF THE BOVINE SPECIES
  - (1) Impound fee \$50.00
  - (2) Maintenance and sustenance charge for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the ass, cattle, goat, horse, monkey, mule, sheep, swine, and any animal of the bovine species has remained in the pound \$20.00
4. BIRD, DOVE, DUCK, FOWL, FOX, FUR-BEARING ANIMALS as defined in the *Fur Farm Act*, GERBIL, GOOSE, GUINEA PIG, HAMSTER, MOUSE, PIGEON, RABBIT, RACCOON, REPTILE, RODENT, SKUNK, SQUIRREL or TURKEY
  - (1) Impoundment fee \$10.00
  - (2) Maintenance and sustenance charge for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the bird, dove, duck, fowl, fox, fur-bearing animal as defined in the *Fur Farm Act*, gerbil, goose, guinea pig, hamster, mouse, pigeon, rabbit, raccoon, reptile, rodent, skunk, squirrel or turkey has remained in the pound. \$5.00
5. Costs for special equipment or personnel used, if any, to effect the impoundment. AT COST
6. Veterinary expenses, if any, to treat injured or sick impounded animals. AT COST