

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2011
FROM:	JAY STANFORD, M.A; M.P.A. DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS & SOLID WASTE
SUBJECT:	AMENDMENT TO THE DOG LICENSING & CONTROL BY-LAW

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste,

- a) the attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council Meeting of August 29, 2011 to amend the Dog Licensing & Control By-law PH-4 with respect to clarifying the offence of failing to have a current valid licence for a dog.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE & CONTEXT

The purpose of this proposed by-law amendment is to:

- clarify the offence of failing to have a current valid licence for a dog contained in the Dog Licensing & Control By-law, and
- clarify the fees and charges for late renewals of dog licences and to remove reference to the term "penalty".

These amendments should assist in the enforcement and prosecution of the offence of failing to have a current valid dog licence.

DISCUSSION

Civic Administration recommends an amendment to the Dog Licensing & Control By-law (Appendix A) by deleting the current section 3.5 which reads as:

3.5 Licence - failure to renew - annually - prohibited

No person shall, within the City of London, fail to renew a dog licence for the current year.

and replace it in its entirety with a new section 3.5 as follows:

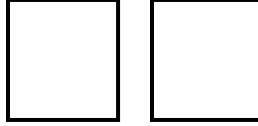
3.5 Licence - failure to have current - prohibited

No person who is an owner of a dog shall, within the City of London, fail to have a current valid licence for that dog.

Civic Administration also recommends an amendment to the Dog Licensing & Control By-law by replacing the current Schedule A with a new Schedule A (Appendix A) and that the by-law comes into force on October 31st, 2011 to allow time to obtain a set fine order.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

This report was prepared with assistance from the City Solicitor's Office.

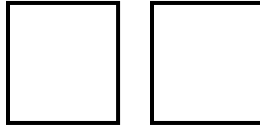


PREPARED & RECOMMENDED BY:	REVIEWED & CONCURRED BY:
JAY STANFORD, M.A., M.P.A. DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	PAT McNALLY, P.ENG. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

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Appendix A: A By-law to amend By-law PH-4, as amended, entitled “A by-law to provide for the regulation, restriction and prohibition of dogs in the City of London”.

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APPENDIX A

Bill No.

2011

By-law No.

A By-law to amend By-law PH-4, as amended, entitled "A by-law to provide for the regulation, restriction and prohibition of Dogs in the City of London".

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. By-law PH-4 is amended by deleting section 3.5 and replacing it with the following new section 3.5 as follows:

3.5 Licence – failure to have current - prohibited

No person who is an owner of a dog shall, within the City of London, fail to have a current valid licence for that dog.

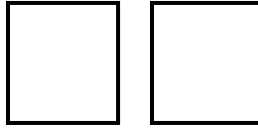
2. By-law PH-4 is amended by deleting Schedule "A" and replacing it with a new Schedule "A", attached as Schedule "A" to this amending by-law.
3. This by-law comes into force and effect on October 31st, 2011.

PASSED in Open Council on _____, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading –
Second Reading –
Third Reading –



**SCHEDULE "A"
Fees and Charges**

	Fees
1. KENNEL LICENSE FEE	\$150.00
2. DOG LICENSE FEES:	
<u>Registration for a Licence:</u>	
(a) New dogs obtained January 1 st through June 30 th	
i Complete dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$50.00
ii Spayed/neutered dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$31.00
iii late applications (received after June 30 th for dogs obtained January 1 st through June 30 th) are subject to an additional fee of:	\$10.00
(b) New dogs obtained July 1 st through December 31 st	
i Complete dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$29.00
ii Spayed/neutered dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$18.00
<u>Renewal of a Licence:</u>	
(c) Renewal applications received prior to licence expiry	
i Complete dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$50.00
ii Spayed/neutered dog in a dwelling unit regardless of ownership	\$31.00
<u>Late Renewal of a Licence:</u>	
(d) late renewal applications received January 1 to February 28	(same as renewal fees (c) above)
(e) late renewal applications received March 1 st to May 31 st	(add \$7.50 to license renewal fees in (c) above)
(f) late renewal applications received June 1 st to December 31 st	(add \$12.50 to license renewal fees in (c) above)
<u>Guide Dogs</u>	
(f) Guide dogs January 1 st to December 31 st	
i Seeing eye dog	No Charge
ii Hearing ear dog	No Charge
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	
(g) Replacement tag	\$3.50
(h) Transfer	\$3.50
(i) Not Sufficient Fund Cheque	\$9.56 plus bank charges
3. HEARING FEE	\$50.00

NOTE:

1. The fees and charges imposed by this by-law are due and payable:
 - (a) at the time of the transaction for which the fee or charge is imposed; or
 - (b) if subsection 1(a) is not applicable, upon the due date specified in any invoice issued by The Corporation of the City of London or its contractor to any person or party in connection with a fee or charge imposed by this by-law.
2. The fees, charges and penalties imposed by this by-law can be paid:
 - (a) at City Hall by debit, cash, or cheque;
 - (b) at the Licence Agent by cash, cheque, debit, or credit card.