



<b>TO:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MAY 29, 2018</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>G. KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PET BOARDING AND PET SITTING SERVICES</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

That on the Recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the following actions be taken with respect to Pet Boarding and Sitting Services:

- A) This report **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes; and
- B) Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to hold a public participation meeting before the Planning and Environment Committee on a by-law amendment to the Zoning By-law to permit pet boarding and/or sitting business as a Home Occupation.

**BACKGROUND**

Civic Administration was directed to report back at a future meeting of CPSC, with respect to amending City of London By-laws to provide for individuals to operate pet boarding and/or sitting business from their homes.

On October 17, 2017 the City of London Animal Control By-law PH-3, and Dog Licensing and Control By-law PH-4 were amended allowing an increased number of dogs and cats to be registered to an owner. This registration is connected to the pet owner's place of residence.

The combined total of spayed or neutered cats and dogs within a single detached dwelling unit was increased to eight (8), with no more than three (3) being dogs. In any residential building containing more than dwelling unit the limit was increased to five (5), with no more than three (3) being dogs.

A review of the Zoning By-law indicates within Section 4.10 Home Occupation regulations there are provisions for dog and cat grooming businesses excluding overnight accommodation, and prohibiting the cats or dogs to be outside the dwelling. Within section 4.10 (12) (a) (i) there is reference to By-law PH-3 and PH-4 indicating that the maximum number of cats permitted per premise is two (2). This number was based upon the former regulations of By-law PH-3 prior to the October 17, 2017 amendment and requires updating.

Considering any residential unit may have a minimum of five (5) cats and dogs, where the maximum number of dogs is three (3), it may seem reasonable to allow a residential premise to contain that same number of cats or dogs for the purpose of pet boarding or sitting as a home occupation.

**CONCLUSION**

As Zoning By-law amendments are heard before the Planning and Environment Committee for consideration, Civic Administration recommends that direction be provided to continue the review with a report back to the Planning and Environment Committee including a draft amending by-law.

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