

Bill No. 423
2021

By-law No. PH-12-____

A by-law to amend By-law No. PH-12, as amended, being "A by-law to provide for the licensing and regulation of Pit Bull Dogs in the City of London" to change Civic Administration titles to reflect the current organizational structure and other housekeeping changes.

WHEREAS section 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;

AND WHEREAS section 23.2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, permits a municipality to delegate certain legislative and quasi-judicial powers, including regulations to prohibit or regulate the keeping of any class of animal within a municipality; providing for animal identification systems; requiring an owner of a dog to keep the dog leashed; requiring the muzzling of leashing of a dog after it has been a person or domestic animal; provide for the licensing of dogs; and prohibiting the running at large of a dog;

AND WHEREAS the province has amended the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* and the *Animals for Research Act*, to restrict and prohibit Pit Bull Dogs, including a requirement to sterilize, muzzle and leash existing Pit Bull Dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend By-law No. PH-12, as amended, being "A by-law to provide for the licensing and regulation of Pit Bull Dogs in the City of London" to change Civic Administration titles to reflect the current organizational structure and other housekeeping changes;

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

1. The Pit Bull Dog Licensing By-law No. PH-12, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - i) by deleting the title "Animal Control Officer" throughout the by-law and by replacing it with the title "Animal Service Officer";
 - ii) by deleting the term "The London Humane Society Inc." throughout the by-law and by replacing it with the term "Middlesex London Humane Society";
 - iii) by deleting section 3.5 (5) in its entirety and by replacing it with the following new section 3.5 (5):

" 3.5 (5) Where the Owner of a Pit Bull dog requests a hearing to determine whether or not to exempt the Owner in whole or in part from the muzzling requirement, the Owner shall first pay the Hearing Fee as set out in the City's Fees and Charges By-law. The decision of the Hearings Officer shall be final and binding. A request of the Owner for a hearing does not act as a stay of the muzzling requirement. An exemption may be granted subject to subject to the requirements to muzzle the dog as contained in the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* and Regulations."; and,

iv) by deleting all gender specific pronouns throughout the by-law and by replacing them with the appropriate gender neutral pronouns.

2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on September 14, 2021.

Ed Holder
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – September 14, 2021
Second Reading – September 14, 2021
Third Reading – September 14, 2021