

Re: Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation  
By-Law 1972, By-Law No. 6191  
(Item 7, Report No. 67, October 15, 1974)

The following is the report of the Municipal Treasurer dated October 22, 1974 regarding the above.

The Municipal Manager concurs with the recommendations made and Council will note that we are not now recommending an escalation in pound fees for licenced dogs because we are trying to keep the administrative process as simple as possible. Further, if we try to make the violation ticket fine equal to the pound fee, and we agree that there is justification in doing this, then it will become quite a chore to keep track of the various offences. We have simply concluded that it would be better to raise the pound fee to \$20 for a licenced dog for each offence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the pound fee of \$10.00 for a licenced dog be increased to \$20.00 and the fee of \$25.00 for an unlicenced dog be increased to \$30.00, plus \$2.00 per day for maintenance for all dogs impounded; and

THAT provision be made in the by-law for a violation notice with respect to failure to keep a dog on leash while on a highway or public place; and

THAT the fines set for violations be \$20.00 for a licenced dog and \$30.00 for an unlicenced dog; and

THAT the maintenance fee of \$2.00 for each horse, mule, ass, cattle, sheep, goat and swine be increased to \$4.00 per day and that a maintenance fee of \$2.00 per day be established for skunks and monkeys; and

THAT these amendments to Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation By-law 1972, By-law No. 6191, take effect 1 January 1975.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 22 October 1974  
FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER File: D57  
RE: BURNABY DOG TAX AND POUND AND ANIMAL REGULATION  
BY-LAW 1972, BY-LAW NO. 6191

Item 7 of Manager's Report No. 67 of 15 October 1974 recommended in part:

Escalating Pound Fees

THAT pound fees be established at:

Unlicenced dog	\$25.00
Licenced dog	10.00 first offence in a 12 month period
	25.00 second offence in a 12 month period
	40.00 third and subsequent offences in a 12 month period; plus \$2.00 per day maintenance

Council tabled the recommendation pending clarification as to whether a calendar or a licence year basis would provide better control in keeping track of offences by an individual dog.

Violation Ticket

The Manager's report further recommended that the by-law provide a minimum fine of \$25.00 for the violation shown on the ticket. The violation is:

Failure to keep a dog on leash while on a highway or public place.

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Council tabled this recommendation pending information as to the advisability of having the minimum fine of \$25.00 for violations shown on a violation ticket and the pound fees being the same amount without regard to the number of offences. The question of proof of ownership of a dog in connection with the issuing of a violation ticket was also raised and clarification requested.

With respect to an escalating pound fee, it was recommended that the offences be over a twelve month period. To use a calendar or licence year (which are the same) would mean that a dog picked up in January could conceivably be guilty of further offences during the calendar year whereas a dog picked up in December would most likely not, although conceivably it could be within a twelve month period from the first offence.

This, of course, requires records to be kept. There are record cards being kept for all licenced dogs and these can be employed to keep records of offences.

However, in connection with the fine to be shown on the violation notice, Council has queried whether or not it would be advisable to have the minimum fine of \$25.00 for violations shown on a violation ticket and the pound fees being the same amount without regard to the number of offences.

Council may by by-law provide on the violation ticket one fine for a licenced dog and another for an unlicenced dog. Council may also set one fine for a first offence, another for a second offence and a third for a third offence.

Burnaby has been assessing a pound fee of \$10.00 for a licenced dog since 1962 and a fee for an unlicenced dog of \$25.00 since 1972. There has been a differential in rates for more than twenty years. Perhaps the time has come when these fees should be revised.

Attached is a copy of a statement of fees in force in the eleven communities employing the S.P.C.A. as poundkeepers. It will be noted that eight of the eleven have a lower pound fee for a licenced dog than for an unlicenced dog. The reason for this differential is that it apparently encourages some citizens to licence their dogs. This has been the experience of the S.P.C.A.

Admittedly, repeaters at the pound are a nuisance but rather than have an escalating pound fee, it might be better to raise the pound fee from \$10.00 for a licenced dog to \$20.00 and an unlicenced dog, \$30.00. At the same time, for conformity, the minimum fines should be established at \$20.00 for a licenced dog and \$30.00 for an unlicenced dog.

In the matter of proof of ownership of a dog in connection with the issuing of a violation ticket, Burnaby's poundkeeper has had considerable experience in the handling of these notices in his previous employment in the District of Coquitlam.

In effect, the poundkeeper will follow the dog home. He will knock on the door and enquire as to ownership of the animal. If ownership is denied, he then attempts to catch the animal and take it away.

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There are other circumstances, but in all cases, the owner himself identifies the animal either in fact or by description.

In court, of course, it is the poundkeeper's word together with his notes against the word of the owner and/or his witnesses, if any.

Since writing the previous report on this subject, a further review of pound charges has been made. The by-law provides for a maintenance charge of \$2.00 per day or part of a day for each horse, mule, ass, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, fox, raccoon, skunk or monkey.

Impounded larger animals are maintained on a farm located in Burnaby. Their charges fluctuate in accordance with the cost of hay. Since the by-law must stipulate the fee charged for this service, it is recommended that the fee be set at \$4.00 for each horse, mule, ass, cattle, sheep, goat and swine and that the fee of \$2.00 be retained for each skunk or monkey. Foxes and raccoons should be deleted from the schedule for they seldom, if ever, are kept as pets.

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MUNICIPAL TREASURER

BM:gw  
Attach.

cc: Chief Licence Inspector  
Municipal Clerk  
Municipal Solicitor  
S.P.C.A.

BOARD, POUND AND LICENCE FEES

BY-LAW #	MUNICIPALITY	BOARD FEES	POUND FEES	LICENSING AGE	LICENSE FEES			KENNEL	TICKETS
					MALE	SP. FEMALE	FEMALES		
2017	Richmond	\$1.00	u/l - \$20.00 lic.- \$10.00	6 months	\$3.00	\$3.00	(up to 15 lbs. - \$5.00) (over 15 lbs. - \$10.00)		u/l - \$20.00 lic.- \$10.00
3270	North Vancouver City	\$1.00	u/l - \$15.00 lic.- \$10.00	4 months	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$7.00	\$10.00 (5)	u/l - \$15.00 lic.- \$10.00
4135	North Vancouver District	\$1.00 each day after first	\$25.00 flat	4 months	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$50.00 (4)	\$10.00 flat
1397	Delta	\$2.00	u/l - \$20.00 lic.- \$10.00	4 months	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$10.00		u/l - \$20.00 lic.- \$10.00
1873	Coquitlam District	\$2.00	u/l - \$25.00 lic.- \$10.00	4 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$50.00 (4)	\$10.00 flat
1050	Port Moody	\$1.00	u/l - \$ 8.00 lic.- \$ 5.00	4 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$50.00 (4)	\$10.00 flat
1020	City of Pt. Coquitlam	\$2.00	u/l - \$25.00 lic.- \$10.00	6 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$50.00 (4)	u/l - \$25.00 lic.- \$10.00
	Vancouver City	\$2.00	u/l - \$30.00 lic.- \$15.00	3 months	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$20.00		
5556	Burnaby Corporation	\$2.00 each day after first	u/l - \$25.00 lic.- \$10.00	4 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$20.00		
	West Vancouver	\$2.00	1/ \$20.00 (first time) 2/ \$30.00 (second & thereafter) 3/ \$40.00 - (max. \$50.00)	4 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00		
1055, 1085	Maple Ridge	\$1.50	u/l - \$10.00 lic.- \$10.00	4 months	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$40.00 (4)	\$10.00 Flat (Penalty \$20.00 if not paid before February 28th)
1669	Surrey	\$1.00	u/l \$20.00 lic \$10.00	Licensing Age - 4 months	Male \$10.00	Female \$10.00	S/F N/M \$3.00	Kennel \$25.00	TICKETS u/l \$20.00 lic 10.00

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70  
COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 28/74