

Re: LETTER FROM MRS. DAPHNE HORNER WHICH APPEARED ON THE
1978 APRIL 24 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3 a)
ANIMAL CONTROL

The following is a report from the Chief Licence Inspector regarding a complaint from Mrs. Daphne Horner that we charge a male dog licence fee instead of a neutered dog licence fee for a dog certified medically unfit to be neutered because of age.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation By-law 1972, number 6191 be amended to provide for the issuing of licences at the rate applicable for spayed or neutered dogs if they have been certified by a veterinarian as being too old or are physically unable to undergo surgery, effective on the date of passage; and
2. THAT Mrs. Daphne Horner, 5977 Clinton Street, Burnaby, receive a copy of this report.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1978 April 26
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

At the meeting of 1978 April 24, Council received a letter from Mrs. Daphne Horner, 5977 Clinton Street, Burnaby, concerning eligibility of dog owners to qualify for the licence fee applicable to spayed or neutered dogs if a veterinarian certifies that due to age the necessary surgery is not recommended.

The Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation By-law 1972, number 6191 provides that the annual licence fee for a dog certified as spayed or neutered is \$6.00. The regular licence fee is \$21.00.

The S.P.C.A. advises that when, in the opinion of the veterinarians at their spayed and neutered clinic, a dog is too old, or due to its physical condition should not undergo surgery, certification concerning the circumstances is provided to its owner. The certificate is issued without charge and is accepted by various municipalities to issue licences at the rates applicable to spayed or neutered dogs. The owner of a dog could seek similar certification from any veterinarian.

The Municipal Solicitor advises that Council could enact an amendment to By-law 6191 to enable owners of such certified dogs to obtain licences at the lesser rate. However, an amendment would be in effect following adoption but could not be retroactive. Consequently, Mrs. Horner would not derive a benefit from such amendment until 1979 January 01 because she has already purchased a 1978 dog licence.

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CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

cc: MUNICIPAL TREASURER
MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR