

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Treasurer be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 FROM: TREASURER
 RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

1982 November 17

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the following dog licence fees, impoundment fees, and cremation disposal fees be adopted effective 1983 January 01:

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| (i) <u>Dog licence fees:</u> | |
| Male dog | \$25.50 |
| Neutered male dog | 9.50 |
| Female dog | 25.50 |
| Spayed female dog | 9.50 |
| (ii) <u>Impoundment fees:</u> | |
| Licenced dog | 26.50 |
| Unlicenced dog | 42.50 + licence fee |
| Violation ticket: | |
| Licenced dog | 26.50 |
| Unlicenced dog | 42.50 + licence fee |
| Board fees - daily | 3.25 |
| (iii) <u>Cremation disposal fees:</u> | |
| Commercial users | .17 per pound |
| Private users - owner's cat or dog | .17 per pound - minimum charge of \$4.00 |

SUMMARY

This report proposes an average 6% increase for dog licence fees and impounding fees. It also recommends a 13% increase in cremation disposal fees, which will bring us up to the minimum charged in other areas.

The report also recommends that a fee be implemented for cremation of all dogs and cats delivered to our shelter, which is a change from our past policy which designated \$1.00 of the licence fee for cremation, except for commercial users. This will create an equitable rate for all users.

To implement the change in the cremation fee structure we have first reduced the 1982 licence fee by \$1.00 and then added 6%.

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1. BY-LAW - CURRENT FEES

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The Burnaby Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation By-law 1972, No. 6191, provides for the licencing of dogs; impounding of dogs and other animals running at large; disposal of unlicensed dogs; cremation of animal carcasses, and establishes the appropriate fees. Current fees are:

(i) Licence Fees:

Male dog	\$25.00
Neutered male dog	10.00
Female dog	25.00
Spayed female dog	10.00

Certification of sterilization must be provided to establish eligibility for the spayed or neutered rate. Owners of dogs which are too old or have been medically certified as physically unable to undergo the surgical process of sterilization are eligible for the \$10.00 rate. Also, dog owners who submit their currently licenced pet for sterilization may apply for a \$15.00 refund of the licence fee.

(ii) Impoundment Fees:

Licensed dog	\$25.00
Unlicensed dog	40.00 + licence fee
Violation tickets:	
Licensed dog	25.00
Unlicensed dog	40.00 + licence fee
Board fees	3.00 per day

(iii) Cremation Disposal Fees:

Commercial users only .15 per pound

The current fees were last revised on 1982 January 01. No increase had been implemented for several years prior to that date. The amount of the increase was:

Licence fees	\$ 4.00 each
Impoundment fees	10.00
Violation tickets	10.00
Board fees	1.00 per day

Additionally, veterinarian clinic operators are required to pay 15¢ per pound for all carcasses delivered to our shelter for cremation disposal (Supplementary Item 17, Report No. 59, 1981 November 23).

By-law No. 6191 does not provide for disposal fees to be charged to persons who deliver their own dog or cat to our shelter for cremation.

2. PROPOSED FEES

Effective 1983 January 01, an average increase of 6% is proposed for dog licence and impounding fees, violation ticket penalties, board fees; a 13% increase in cremation disposal fees; and the introduction of a fee for owners who bring cats or dogs to our shelter for cremation. The proposed fees are:

(i) Dog Licence Fees:

Male dog	\$25.50
Neutered male dog	9.50
Female dog	25.50
Spayed female dog	9.50

(ii) Impoundment Fees:

Licensed dog	26.50
Unlicensed dog	42.50 + licence fee
Violation tickets:	
Licensed dog	26.50
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Board fees - daily	3.25

(iii) Cremation Disposal Fees:

Commercial users	.17 per pound
Private users - owner's cat or dog	.17 per pound - minimum charge of \$4.00

Note: In all cases, cremation fees are based on delivery of carcasses to our shelter.

Since 1975, \$1.00 of the licence fee has been designated for cremation costs. This does not adequately take into account unlicensed dogs or cats, because all such animals delivered to our shelter by owners (not commercial users) were cremated free of charge. It is now evident that the rising costs of fuel, maintenance and manpower necessitate that we take into account such users. In an attempt to pass increasing costs along to users of our pathological incinerator in as fair a manner as possible, it is proposed that all persons who deliver dog or cat carcasses to our shelter be charged at a rate of 17¢ per pound for cremation, provided that the minimum charge shall be \$4.00. This in turn would free licensed dog owners from bearing the entire costs related to the cremation of cats and unlicensed dogs.

To be equitable in this regard requires that we delete \$1.00 of the licence fee designated for cremation disposal. The proposed 6% increase is then added to the reduced licence fee, for example: 1982 male dog licence of \$25.00, less \$1.00 built in for cremation, plus 6% 1983 increase = \$25.50.

3. OTHER AREAS - RATE COMPARISON

A survey of surrounding areas determined that the 1983 fees will range as follows:

	<u>Surrounding Areas</u>	<u>Burnaby 1982 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Burnaby 1983 Rate</u>
<u>Dog Licence Fees:</u>			
Unsterilized dog	\$18.00 to 30.00	\$25.00	\$25.50
Sterilized dog	6.00 to 15.00	10.00	9.50
<u>Impoundment Fees:</u>			
Licensed dog	10.00 to 40.00	25.00	26.50
Unlicensed dog	20.00 to 60.00	40.00	42.50
Board fees - daily	3.00 to 4.50	3.00	3.25
Cremation disposal fees	17¢ to 25¢ pound	.15 pound	.17 pound
Private users	17¢ to 25¢ pound or by the carcass	n/a	.17 pound - \$4.00 min.

Note: The District of Surrey charges commercial users 17¢ per pound and private users \$4.00 per carcass.

The City of Vancouver charges all users \$2.00 per carcass if delivered to their shelter or \$5.00 per carcass if the shelter picks it up. These rates are currently being reviewed.

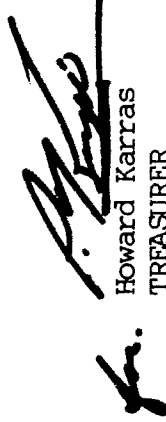
4. CONCLUSION

The proposed increase in licence and impoundment fees and violation ticket penalties is intended to offset the rising costs of operating our animal control program. The recommendation to charge all users a cremation fee will, in my opinion, result in a more equitable distribution of costs to users.

It is recommended that the fees set out in Item 2 be adopted effective 1983 January 01.

It is expected that implementation of the proposed fees will increase dog licence and pound revenue by an estimated \$2,500 in 1983. The new fees will be appropriately advertised.

It is important to recognize that charges for the destruction (putting down) of any animal are not included in By-law No. 6191. Pursuant to the contract with the S.P.C.A., the Society may charge for that service.


 Howard Karras
 TREASURER

