

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: 1993 ANIMAL CONTROL FEES AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS
PURPOSE: To obtain Council's approval of 1993 fees and a bylaw amendment to regulate the keeping of snakes and rodents.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991, No. 9609 be amended to provide for the fees outlined in Schedule A of this report effective 1993 January 01; and
2. THAT the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw 1991, No. 9609 be amended to regulate the keeping of snakes and rodents.

SUMMARY

This is the annual animal control fee report. A 2% inflationary increase is proposed for licences for unaltered dogs, off-leash violation tickets, impounding, daily boarding, cremation and disposal fees. Licence fees for spayed or neutered dogs will remain at the 1992 rates to encourage responsible pet ownership. The proposed fee changes will increase revenue by approximately \$5,000 in 1993. In addition, the report proposes an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw to regulate the keeping of snakes and rodents in Burnaby.

REPORT

A. 1993 ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

The proposed 1993 animal control fees represent a 2% (rounded) increase from the 1992 fees as detailed in Schedule A attached. These fee changes are required to partially offset operating cost increases for the animal control services provided by the S.P.C.A. The fee changes will increase revenue by approximately \$5,000 in 1993. This amount has been included in the 1993 Provisional Budget.

Burnaby's dog licence fees are generally in line with other communities in the G.V.R.D. if purchased prior to March 01. Our ticket fines for dogs at large and impound fees are higher than most. The impound fees for vicious dogs will increase by 5% over last years fees. The proposed fees have been developed to provide fair and equitable fees to all dog owners with increased emphasis being placed on owners who frequently contravene the bylaw so that they are encouraged to handle their animals in an acceptable manner. Licence fees for spayed or neutered dogs will remain at the 1992 rates to encourage responsible pet ownership.

SCHEDULE "A"

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The proposed fees for 1993, compared to the current (1992) fees, are as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>(1992)</u> \$	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>(1993)</u> \$
a) <u>DAILY BOARD FEES</u>		
Dogs	6.50	6.60
Other Animals	2.75	2.80
b) <u>CREMATION DISPOSAL</u>		
Per Pound	0.26	0.27
Minimum Charge	6.50	6.60
<p>Note: Cremation fees are based on delivery of the animal remains to the animal shelter on Norland Avenue.</p>		
c) <u>OFF-LEASH TICKETS</u>		
Licenced	37.00	37.75
Unlicenced	59.50*	60.75*
* Plus Licence Fee		
d) <u>IMPOUND FEES</u>		
<u>Licenced Dog</u>		
First Offence	29.00	29.50
Second Offence	57.00	58.00
Third & Subsequent Offences	116.00	118.50
<u>Unlicenced Dog</u>		
First Offence	57.00*	58.00*
Second Offence	116.00*	118.50*
Third & Subsequent Offences	173.50*	177.00*
* Plus Licence Fee		
<u>Vicious Dogs</u>		
First Offence	100.00	105.00
Subsequent Offences	200.00	210.00
e) <u>DOG LICENCE FEES</u>		
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
	Paid Before March 01	Paid Before March 01
	\$	\$
Neutered/Spayed Dog	13.00	13.00
Male or Female Dog	32.50	33.00
	\$	\$
	Paid From March 01	Paid From March 01
	\$	\$
	16.50	16.50
	41.50	42.25

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B. REGULATING THE KEEPING OF SNAKES AND RODENTS

Over the past year, Licence Office staff have investigated two situations which involved the keeping of snakes. The first involved 6 snakes and caused much concern for the neighbours. The second situation involved approximately 20 snakes and came to our attention by way of a community health nurse. In each situation, the snakes have been accompanied by a large number of rodents used for feeding.

The Animal Control Bylaw regulates the keeping of poisonous and venomous animals but does not address the issue of non-venomous snakes. The keeping of rodents is also not included in the bylaw. Council is empowered by the Municipal Act to regulate the keeping of animals.

An amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw is proposed that would allow not more than two snakes to be kept in a dwelling unit. In addition, an amendment is proposed to permit not more than four rodents to be kept in the same dwelling unit. These changes to the Animal Control Bylaw will enable staff to more effectively respond to community concerns about snake related situations.

Advertisement of the changes to the fee structure and bylaw will be placed in Information Burnaby and the local newspapers.


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Attach.

cc: City Solicitor

c.c. Director Planning & Building

