

TO: CITY MANAGER

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FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval for the amendment of the Animal Control Bylaw to establish controls for barking dogs and tickets for off leash dogs, unlicensed dogs and poop scoop violations.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 9609 to establish controls for barking dogs as detailed in this report.
2. **THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 9609 to establish tickets as prescribed in this report for bylaw violations involving off leash dogs, unlicensed dogs and failure to remove dog excrement.

**REPORT**

This report proposes amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw respecting barking dogs and bylaw violation tickets involving off leash dogs, unlicensed dogs and failure to remove dog excrement. No changes to the dog licence fees are proposed for 1998.

**Barking Dogs**

Complaints involving barking dogs have previously been handled by the City's Health Department through enforcement of the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement Bylaw. This bylaw addressed barking dogs generally by requiring that no person shall make or cause any noise or sound which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the neighbourhood. With the move of the Health Department to the Simon Fraser Health Region, barking dog issues have become the responsibility of the Licence Office and, through contract, the S.P.C.A., working from the Burnaby Animal Shelter.

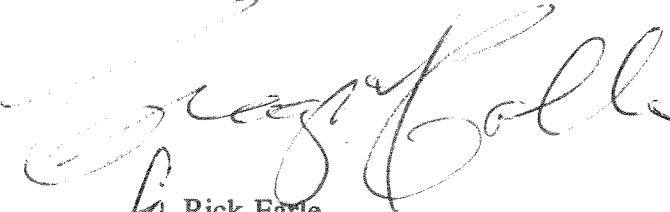
A bylaw amendment adding barking dog controls to the Animal Control Bylaw will formally transfer the responsibility to the S.P.C.A. as required in the service contract. S.P.C.A. involvement in these issues provides for a greater opportunity to resolve problems by educating dog owners about animal control and care. Where necessary, bylaw enforcement can be achieved through legal means.

### Animal Control Tickets

A new ticket is proposed for our animal control program that would carry fines for bylaw violations relating to off leash dogs, unlicensed dogs and failure to remove dog excrement. These bylaw violations are identified by S.P.C.A. and City staff as most problematic in terms of public nuisance and program consistency. Contravention of these bylaw sections would be subject to a fine of \$25 if paid in seven days, \$35 if paid in 14 days and \$50 if paid in 30 days (*Attachment 1*). Previously, tickets have been issued by S.P.C.A. staff for off leash violations only and carried a fine of \$39 for licensed dogs and \$63 for unlicensed dogs. A comparison of regional animal control fines is presented in *Attachment 2*.

Compliance with the Animal Control Bylaw is largely achieved through education and public relations. The tickets would be used when a more definitive enforcement option is necessary. S.P.C.A. staff working from the Burnaby Animal Shelter would be designated to issue the tickets starting 1998 March 01.

The Animal Shelter Superintendent has been consulted and concurs with the two recommendations in this report. Any changes to the animal control program would be advertised in the February issue of *Information Burnaby*.

  
fr Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Attach.

cc: City Solicitor  
Animal Shelter Superintendent

**BURNABY ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW  
PROPOSED TICKET FINES**

**BYLAW SECTION**

- 3.(1) UNLICENCED DOG**
- 5.(1) OFF LEASH DOG**
- 5.(3) FAILURE TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF  
DOG EXCREMENT**

**FINES**

**If paid within:**

<b>7 days</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>14 days</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>30 days</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

## Animal Control Fines in the Lower Mainland

### REGIONAL COMPARISON

	<u>Off leash</u>	<u>Unlicenced</u>	<u>Poop scoop</u>
Coquitlam	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Delta	25.00	50.00	
New Westminster	50.00*	50.00*	50.00*
North Vancouver City	50.00	50.00	50.00
North Vancouver District	50.00	25.00	50.00
Port Coquitlam	25.00	25.00	100.00
Port Moody	15.00*	15.00*	15.00*
Richmond	75.00	50.00	75.00
Surrey	75.00	50.00	50.00
Vancouver	100.00	25.00	50.00
West Vancouver	30.00**	25.00	25.00
White Rock	35.00	35.00	35.00
<b>REGIONAL AVERAGE</b>	<b>46.25</b>	<b>35.42</b>	<b>53.63</b>

### PROPOSED FOR BURNABY

If paid within	7 days	\$25.00
	14 days	\$35.00
	30 days	\$50.00

Note: \* Voluntary payment in lieu of court action  
 \*\* Average of three step fine structure