

Request for Decision Regular Council Meeting – December 8, 2020

Bylaw C35-20 – Amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16

Motion:

- 1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw C35-20 to amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16.
- 2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw C35-20 to amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16.
- 3. That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third reading of Bylaw C35-20 to amend to amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16.
- 4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw C35-20 to amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to give Bylaw C35-20 to amend Animal Control Bylaw C7-16, which will change the animal licence renewal date.

Background Analysis:

The animal licence term does not align with the Business Licence Bylaw or the Fees and Charges Bylaw. Renewal dates are typically December 31st of each year. Currently, animal licences have a renewal date of January 31st of each year and this needs to change to create consistency between the three bylaws.

Making this amendment to the bylaw will provide better customer satisfaction when renewing the animal licence. Renewing the animal licence on or before December 31st of each year will allow residents to purchase the licence at the current year's fees and charges rates.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to this change. Public awareness will continue within existing departmental budgets.

Internal/External Impacts:

The 2020 licence renew date will still be honored by the City for those pet owners who have a licence.

Risk Analysis:

The risk of not approving the amendment would result in inconsistencies within the City's Bylaw licence and renewal dates. Pet owners express frustration with renewals of their pet license at a higher rate as the fees and charges increases take effect on January 1st of each year.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

City's Strategic Plan:

Core Value – Excellence in Government; Goal – Continuous improvement; constantly looking for ways to improve our services through planning, innovation, collaboration and consultation.

Administrative Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to Bylaw C35-20, which amends Animal Control Bylaw C7-16.

Attachments:

Amending Animal Control Bylaw C35-20

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