

## BYLAW NO. 5-17

### A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF MEACHAM TO CONTROL AND REGULATE ANIMALS

The Council of the Village of Meacham in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

#### 1. INTERPRETATION

- a) "Dog" shall mean either male or female over six months old;
- b) "Cat" shall mean either male or female over six months old;
- b) "Owner" shall mean any person who owns, possesses, harbours or suffers any cat or dog to remain about his house or premises and includes a keeper thereof;
- c) "Restricted Dog" shall mean:
  - i) Any dog that has been trained as a guard dog where such training involves physical attack on an intruder when such dog is not engaged in guarding a business premises;
  - ii) Any dog of any breed deemed restricted by the Council of the Village of Meacham wherein a written complaint has been received with respect to said dog biting or chasing any person or any other domestic animal;
- d) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means a person or persons as may be appointed or contracted by the Council of the Village of Meacham for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Bylaw;
- e) "License Inspector" shall mean the employee or employees of the Village of Meacham responsible for issuing dog/cat licenses or tags.

#### 2. LICENSES

- a) In each year every person who owns, possesses or harbours any dog or cat shall obtain a license for said animal from the License Inspector;
- b) When applying for a license the applicant shall furnish the License Inspector with a description of the dog or cat, its name, if any, the name and address of the owner and any other information which may be reasonably required by the Licence Inspector;
- c) The fee for such licence shall be \$10.00 for a spayed or neutered dog or cat and \$20 for not spayed or neutered animal;

- d) All licenses issued under the provisions of the Bylaw shall expire on December 31 next, following the date of issue;
- e) Renewals of all Dog and Cat Licenses shall be received by the Administrator/Clerk of the Village of Meacham no later than 4:00 p.m. December 31st of any given year;
- f) When issuing a License for a dog or cat, the License Inspector shall supply the applicant with a tag that shall bear such lettering as may be decided by Council, and a receipt of license. The said tag shall be attached by the owner of such to a collar to be worn around the neck of said dog or cat;
- g) A person residing in the Village of Meacham who owns, possesses or harbours a dog or cat and neglects or refuses to take out a license as required by this Bylaw, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw;
- h) Every person requested by the Administrator/Clerk or other official authorized to do so, shall deliver the Administrator/Clerk a written statement of the number of dogs and or cats owned by him/her. A person who fails to comply or makes a false statement is guilty of an infraction of the Bylaw;
- i) Any person failing to comply with subsections g) and h) of this section shall be liable on summary conviction of a penalty of \$250.00, however if the fine is paid within fourteen days, it will be reduced to \$25.00 provided a licence is purchased at that time.

### 3. RUNNING AT LARGE

- a) No person shall allow a dog or cat to run at large in the Village and for the purpose of this Bylaw a dog or cat shall be running at large when it is
  - i) Beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner of the said dog or cat;
  - ii) Beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the land;
  - iii) When it is in a place other than those mentioned in sub-paragraphs i) and ii) of this section unless said dog or cat is securely fastened in or is led on a lead; or
  - iv) The said dog is not under the proper control of its owner.
- b) A person who fails to comply with subsection a) is guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense and \$300.00 for the third and subsequent offenses, payable to the Administrator/Clerk of the Village

within 48 hours of the breach of that section. If, after receiving a fine under this section, the owner keeps the animal from any further infractions for the period of one full year from the date of the last infraction, then the charges for this section will revert back to \$100.00, and so on;

- c) It shall be the duty of the License Inspector to capture a dog running at large in the most merciful manner practicable and to confine to a suitable place, said being at the discretion of the Inspector;
- d) All impounding charges and mileage charges incurred to transport the offending animal to a suitable place are the sole responsibility of the owner of the animal in breach of section 3. a);
- e) In the event that someone other than the Inspector captures a dog running at large, the Inspector shall pick up the offending animal between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m., Monday to Friday or may, at his own discretion, pick up the offending animal after these hours.

#### 4. CONFINEMENT OF THE DOG OR CAT

- a) All confined dogs and cats shall be held for a period of 48 hours after capture, during which time the owner or keeper thereof shall have the right to redeem same by paying in full all of the fines and charges;
- b) A Notice of Impoundment shall be posted by the License Inspector in a prominent place in the Village Office;
- c) All dogs or cats impounded which are not redeemed by the owner within 48 hours of capture may be sold or disposed of in the most merciful manner practicable;
- d) During the period of impoundment of any animal it shall be the duty of the Pound Keeper or License Inspector to supply such animal with adequate food and water;
- e) The Dog Catcher or License Inspector shall keep monthly reports to be presented to Council, which gives adequate information on all animals picked up, impounded and of their disposition.

#### 5. DANGEROUS DOGS

- a) Sections 374 through 380 of the Municipality Act shall be followed in all matters concerning dangerous dogs;
- b) Between the time of the incident and a court date (waiting period) the offending animal shall be taken to a pound or kennel of Council's choice and impounded at the owner's expense;

- c) If, upon information or complaint it is alleged that a dog has bitten or attempted to bite any person or domestic animal, a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace or a person designated a judge pursuant to the Municipalities Act Section 374 having cognizance of such complaint, if it appears to him that such dog is dangerous, may either order the owner or keeper of such dog to keep under proper control or order such owner or keeper to deliver said dog over to any named person to be destroyed.

## 6. RESTRICTED DOGS

- a) No restricted dogs shall be allowed in the Village of Meacham.

## 7. PUBLIC NUISANCE

- a) No person shall allow a dog or cat to create a nuisance to any person by barking, howling or chasing vehicles or bicycles.
- b) Upon receipt of a signed written complaint herein, the License Inspector shall investigate the complaint and may, at his/her discretion, issue one written warning to the owner in question.
- c) A person who fails to comply with subsection a) is guilty of an infraction of this bylaw and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, \$300.00 for the third and subsequent offenses payable to the Administrator/Clerk of the Village within 48 hours of the breach of this section. If, after receiving a fine under this section, the owner keeps the animal from any further infractions for the period of one full year from the date of the last infraction, then the charges for this section will revert back to \$100.00 and so on.

## 8. LITTER CLEANUP

- a) If a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately.
- b) An owner or occupant of private property shall not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard;
  - i) If requested to do so by a representative of the Village or a Public Health Inspector, an owner or occupant of private property must remove all animal feces from the property within 72 hours from the time the request was made.
  - ii) If a request under subsection b) i) is made to an occupant of private property, a copy of the request shall also be sent by certified mail to the

owner of the property at the mailing address shown on the last revised assessment roll of the village;

- iii) The Village may remove the animal feces from the property if:
  - (a) the person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within 72 hours, or
  - (b) after reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined;
- iv) If the Village carries out the work under subsection iii), the costs and expenses incurred are a debt due the Village and the Village may recover the costs and expenses
  - (a) by action in a court or competent jurisdiction
  - (b) in the same manner as municipal taxes; or
  - (c) by adding the costs and expenses to and hereby they form part of the taxes on the land on which the work was done.
- c) A person who fails to comply with the Sub-sections a) and b) is guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offence, \$200.00 for the second offence, \$300.00 for the third offence and subsequent offences payable to the Administrator/ Clerk of the Village within 48 hours of the breach of these sections. If, after receiving a fine under this section , the owner keeps the animal from any further infractions for a period of one full year from the date of the last infraction, then the charges will revert back to 100.00 and so on.

## 9. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

a) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Livestock means any domestic animal usually raised for sale and profit, including but not limited to:

- i. an animal as defined in Section 2(b) of *The Stray Animals Act*; or
- ii. an animal as defined in Sections 2 and 3 of *The Stray Animal Regulations, 1999*

2. Poultry means

- i. domestic fowl usually propagated and fattened for the table and for their eggs, feathers, etc. including but not limited to chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl; or

ii. pigeons of the species *Columbia livia*, commonly known as the domestic pigeon, and includes pigeons raised for the purpose of racing, show, table and pets and includes feral pigeons.

No person shall possess, harbour, confine, herd, graze, or allow to graze any livestock or poultry within the limits of the Village. This section does not apply to livestock and poultry brought into the Village for the duration of a special event at which the said livestock and poultry will be used for purposes of exhibition or performing at a special event.

A person who fails to comply is guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$100.00 for the first offence, \$200.00 for the second offence, \$300.00 for the third offence and subsequent offences payable to the Administrator/ Clerk of the Village within 48 hours of the breach of these sections.

## 10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) No person, whether or not being the owner, harbourer, possessor or keeper of an animal which is being pursued or seized shall
  - i) interfere with or obstruct or attempt to obstruct a pound keeper, bylaw enforcement officer or peace officer who is attempting to seize or has seized any animal in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw
  - ii) unlock, unlatch or otherwise open a cage door or a vehicle door or such item designed for temporarily lodging animals in which animals seized under provisions of this Bylaw have been placed, so as to allow any animal to escape there from.
  - iii) Remove or attempt to remove any dog/cat/animal from the possession of a pound keeper, bylaw enforcement officer or peace officer.
  - iv) Penalty of \$100.00.

11. BYLAW NO. 2-15 IS HEREBY REPEALED.

12. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

*Certified a true copy of Bylaw # 5-17  
passed by resolution at the August 15, 2017  
regular Council Meeting*

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*Administrator*

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