

MOTION

3. Allow Safe Tying Up of Leashed Dogs

On January 31, 2012, Vancouver City Council, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting later that day, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. It is common practice for many dog owners to tie up their leashed dog for a brief time in a public space outside of a store, café or other establishment.
2. Some business establishments have even encouraged this practice by providing dog-friendly areas outside their entrances.
3. It appears that in the vast majority of cases this practice has not compromised the safety and well-being of the public or the pet.
4. The City of Vancouver Animal Control By-law (9150) states that if a dog is off its property, not leashed and not under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person, it may be impounded and/or the owner or keeper ticketed for breach of the by-law.
5. The intent of this by-law may be to protect the safety and well-being of the public and the pets but in practice unfairly penalizes dog owners who act responsibly and whose dogs are well behaved and pose no threat to public safety or well-being.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on options for changing the Animal Control Bylaw so as to allow people to safely tie up and leave temporarily unattended a well behaved leashed dog in a public space, such as outside of a store, café or building.

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