



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
FROM: General Manager of Development, Buildings & Licensing
SUBJECT: 2019 Animal Services Licence Fee Increase Report

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve in principle amendments to the Animal Control By-law No. 9150 as follows:
 - i. Increases in dog licence and animal service fees, generally in accordance with Appendix A.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to By-law Number 9150, generally in accordance with the attached fee schedule in Appendix A, to be effective January 1, 2019.

REPORT SUMMARY

Fees are adjusted on an annual basis to keep them consistent with City costs. As of May 2018, the increase in the 12-month average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Metro Vancouver was 2.6%. Certain non-wage items, such as electricity and gasoline, have increased in the range of 3.0% to 10.7% over the past year. The Conference Board of Canada forecasted that the CPI for Metro Vancouver would increase by 2.2% for 2019 and 2.0% for 2020.

Based on this forecast, staff recommend a 2.2% increase in Animal Services licences and fees for 2019 to reflect general increases in costs for these services.

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for increases to fees collected under Animal Control By-law #9150.

If approved by Council, amendments to the affected by-laws would be prepared by Legal Services and brought forward by end of year for enactment, generally in accordance with the attached schedules in Appendix A.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

It is Council policy that fees and other charges be established on the basis of the cost of providing the associated services or at a competitive market level where the service is provided in a market environment.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Development, Buildings and Licensing and the City Manager RECOMMEND approval of the foregoing recommendations.

REPORT***Background/Context***

In the fall of every year, staff prepare an administrative report for Council proposing an inflationary adjustment in animal services fees. The primary reason for inflationary increases is to keep fees consistent with City administration and enforcement costs.

Strategic Analysis

Approval of increases for 2019, to be enacted before year-end and effective January 1, 2019, would allow for necessary advance licence renewal notices to be prepared and provided to dog owners.

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Based on this forecast, staff recommend a 2.2% increase in Animal Service fees for 2019 to reflect general increases in costs for these services.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk***Financial***

Based on the 2018 budget, a 2.2% fee increase is estimated to generate approximately \$15,000 in additional licence and service revenue for 2019.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that a 2.2% increase reflecting general cost inflation be applied to fees related to Animal Services. It is also recommended that the City give standard renewal notice to all interested parties of the increase and that Legal Services bring forward by-law changes that include the recommended fee increases for enactment.

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Year 2019 Animal Control Fees and Charges

SCHEDULE A

Part 1 - License Fees

Dog (per annum)	\$44.00
Replacement tag	\$5.00

Part 2 – Impound Fees

Licensed dog	\$94.00
Unlicensed dog	\$183.00
Licensed aggressive dog	\$339.00
Unlicensed aggressive dog	\$432.00
Fowl, other bird, rabbit, or rodent	\$16.00
Reptile or other animal	\$93.00

Part 3 – Maintenance Charges (per day)

Dog	\$24.00 per day
Aggressive dog	\$32.00 per day
Fowl, other bird, rabbit or rodent	\$5.00 per day
Reptile or other animal	\$33.00 per day
Exotic Bird (Amazon Parrots, African Grey, Cockatoos, Conures, Lorikeets and Macaws)	\$16.00 per day

Part 4 – Adoption Fees

Dog Up to 7 years of age	\$297.00
Dog >7 years old / Medical Conditions	\$91.00
Ferret	\$60.00
Rabbit, chinchilla and hedgehog	\$33.00
Guinea pig	\$16.00
Parakeet and Lovebird	\$16.00
Budgie and Finch	\$10.00
Chicken, rooster, duck, pigeon and dove	\$5.00
Mouse, rat, hamster, gerbil and degu	\$5.00

Part 5 – Miscellaneous

Microchipping	\$16.00
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