
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2001
File No.: 4000-00

To: City Manager

From: Licence and Bylaw Enforcement Supervisor

Subject: Amendment to City of Kelowna Dog Control Bylaw No. 5880

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council approve changes in the Dog Control Bylaw No. 5880 that would clarify the issue of impounding dogs on private properties and bring the City of Kelowna legislation in line with that of the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

BACKGROUND

The City of Kelowna over the past years has entered into an agreement with the Regional District of Central Okanagan for enforcement of City of Kelowna Dog Control Bylaw No. 5880. In order to align our bylaw with that of the Regional District for enforcement purposes, it is being recommend that:

1. Section 25 be amended by deleting the words;

"Any dog that is not securely fenced or penned as described in Schedule "D" of this Bylaw, or any dog which is tethered contrary to Sections 14 and 15."
2. Section 26 wording be deleted in its entirety and replace with;

"Where a dog that has been observed to be running at large by a dog control officer is apprehended on private property the dog control officer shall attempt to contact the occupant of the property to determine ownership of the dog. Where no person is at home the dog control officer shall post a notice at the residence advising that the described dog has been impounded from the property for running at large. The notice shall include the 24 hour dog control telephone number and description of the dog. Where the dog is found to live at the property on which it was apprehended, the harbourer of the dog may be served an appropriate violation ticket and the dog will be returned without an impound fee being charged. If the dog is found to live at a property other than the one on which it was impounded the appropriate impound fee will be charged when the dog is retrieved from the pound."

The proposed amendments have been discussed with and have been found to be acceptable to a group of citizens that have been concerned about the impounding of dogs on private property.

In August 2000, new legislation came into force in British Columbia that allows for quick action to be taken to protect people and animals from dangerous dogs. This process and procedure to apprehend is covered under Section 707.1 of the Local Government Act.

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