

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERTH SOUTH

BY-LAW# 41-2006 Repealing By-law #4-1998

BEING a by-law for prohibiting or regulating the keeping of dogs within the municipality, for restricting the number of dogs that may be kept by any person in or about any dwelling unit within the municipality, for licensing dogs and imposing a licence fee on the owners of them within the municipality and for prohibiting the running at large of dogs in the municipality.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, Part II, Section 11 provides lower-tier municipalities the power to pass by-laws regarding animals;

AND WHEREAS Part III, Section 103, 104 and 105, Municipal Act, 2001 outlines the specific powers of the municipalities regarding the impounding of animals, fine recovery and the muzzling and leashing of dogs;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Perth South deems it desirable to pass a by-law to register, license and control dogs within the Municipality of Perth South;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Perth South enacts as follows:

PART 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this By-law:

- (a) "Animal Control Officer" shall mean the person or agent appointed by The Corporation of the Township of Perth South to enforce this By-law;
- (b) "dwelling unit" means a single family dwelling;
- (c) "kennel" shall mean a place where pure-bred dogs are kept, bred or trained;
- (d) "owner" shall include any person who possesses or harbours a dog and "owns" and "owing" shall have corresponding meanings;
- (e) "pound" shall mean a yard or enclosure for the safekeeping of dogs;
- (f) "pure-bred" means a dog registered or eligible for registration with an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada;

PART 2 NUMBER OF DOGS

- 2.1 No more than three (3) dogs may be kept in or about a dwelling unit within the corporate limits of the Township of Perth South.
- 2.2 This By-law shall not apply to any person who is entitled to and has obtained a kennel licence issued by the Clerk of the Corporation under the provisions of this By-law.

PART 3 KENNELS

- 3.1 A kennel licence shall only be issued to an owner of pure-bred dogs.
- 3.2 No person may have a kennel unless the proposed kennel contains an enclosed and fenced area for the keeping of the dogs with a suitable fenced outdoor run for the dogs.
- 3.3 No person may have a kennel unless or until the person has obtained from the Clerk of the Corporation a licence for which an annual fee shall be charged as per Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- 3.4 A kennel licence shall be renewed each year and shall automatically lapse if not renewed by June 30th of the year following the last licence issued.

PART 4 PITBULLS

- 4.1 No person may own or keep, within the corporate limits of the Township of Perth South, a dog of the breed known as a pit bull terrier or a mongrel dog in which the predominant strain is that of a pit bull terrier.

PART 5 LICENCING AND REGISTRATION OF DOG

- 5.1 Every owner of a dog or dogs kept within the corporate limits of the Township of Perth South shall in each year pay to the Clerk of the Corporation, or to the Animal Control Officer of the Corporation, a licence fee as set out Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- 5.2 The licence fees shall be effective from January 1 - December 31 of each year and shall be due and owing on the first day of each year or within fifteen (15) days of the purchase or bringing into the Township, of a dog by the owner.
- 5.3 All licence fees are valid for one year and shall be renewed annually during the ownership of the dog.
- 5.4 On payment of the fee or fees, the owner shall be furnished with a dog tag for each dog. This dog tag shall be kept securely affixed to the dog at all times.

PART 6 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

- 6.1 No person owning, possessing, or harbouring a dog shall allow the said dog to run at large within the Municipality of the Township of Perth South.
- 6.2 For the purposes of this by-law, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when

found in any place other than the premises of its owner or keeper and not under the control of any person.

- 6.3 Any dog found running at large within the municipality may be seized, killed or removed to the pound as established by the Corporation, by any peace officer or by the Animal Control Officer of the Corporation.

PART 7 PENALTY

- 7.1 Any person who contravenes any section of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended, plus the costs provided for in the said Act and such penalty shall be recoverable as set out under the said Act.
- 7.2 Any person wishing the immediate release of a dog by the Animal control Officer, once in the custody of said officer, and the dog not having been transported to the pound shall be liable to a fifty (\$50.00) dollar fine plus costs before said dog shall be released to the owner or harbourer of the dog.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 4 DAY OF April, 2006

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 4 DAY OF April, 2006.

Ronald McKay
Reeve

[Signature]
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW #41-2006

ANNUAL DOG LICENCE FEES

PART 1.	Kennel Licence	\$60.00 per year
PART 2.	First dog per household	\$10.00 per year
	Second dog per household a further	\$20.00 per year
	Third dog per household a further	\$30.00 per year