



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: May 31, 2022
Submitted by: Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division
Subject: Fees Bylaw Amendment for Impounded Cats

Purpose

To amend the Fees Bylaw No. 3327 to establish reduced impound fees for spayed or neutered Cats, impounded by the City of Port Moody Bylaw Division.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT Fees Bylaw No. 3327 amendment be read a first, second and third time, as recommended in the report dated May 31, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding reduced fees for spayed or neutered cats impounded by the City.

Background

There is currently a financial incentive in place to encourage dog owners to get their pet(s) spayed or neutered in order to control the population of these animals within the region. Dog owners pay a reduced licencing fee for their pet if they can prove it has been spayed or neutered, prior to a licence being issued. There is no such incentive in place for cat owners.

Discussion

The City does not licence cats, but does impose fees associated with their impoundment when they are caught at-large. Staff are recommending Council consider lowering the fees charged for impounded cats that have been spayed or neutered, in order to give cat owners a similar financial incentive to spay or neuter their cat(s).

The proposed fee for an unspayed or unneutered cat would be substantially higher, nearly double that of an impounded spayed or neutered cat (Attachment 1).

Other Option(s)

Council may choose to receive this report for information only, and keep the fees for impounded cats as currently constituted, without the distinction for cats that are not spayed or neutered, versus those that aren't.

Financial Implications

The reduced revenue for cat impoundments for spayed or neutered cats would be off-set by the savings associated with controlling their population within the City.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

A Communications Strategy to encourage cat owners to get their pets spayed or neutered to avoid the higher impound fees, may be considered.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This proposed amendment supports Councils Strategic Plan of creating a sustainable and vibrant community, by encouraging responsible pet ownership for both cat and dog owners, residing in the City of Port Moody.

Attachment(s)

1. Amendment to Cat impoundment charges in Fees Bylaw No. 3327, Schedule 2.

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Report Approval Details

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| Document Title: | Cat Impound Amendment to Fees Bylaw No. 3327.docx |
| Attachments: | - Attachment 1 - City of Port Moody Fees Bylaw, 2021, No. 3327, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022, No. 3344.pdf |
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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