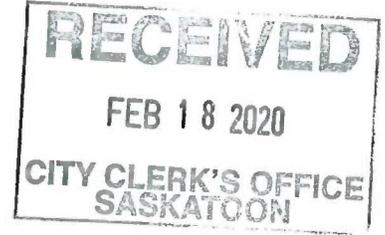


From: Janice Wall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 12:35

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Postal Code S7N [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject New bylaw restricting number of dogs you can take to a dog park
Meeting (if known)
Comments

I am submitting this email to offer a comment regarding the proposed city bylaw to restrict the number of dogs one can take to an off leash dog park. In only have one dog so it's not an issue for me however, I run into some of the same professional dog walkers who have more than 4 dogs with them many times when I am out with my dog. I tend to frequent the South West Off-Leash Dog Park most often. I have never had any concerns or issues with professional dog walkers who have more than 4 dogs with them. I have found these professionals to have good control over the animals they have with them and have said this to some of them when I come across them. I have experienced issues with non-professionals who have 2-3 dogs with them and either have no control over their animals or are ignoring them because they are on their phones, listening to music or visiting with the friend they brought along. I think the bylaw should reflect that professional dog walkers (who I assume are licensed as small businesses) should be exempt from the new bylaw. Thanks for giving this consideration.

Attachments

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From: Keitha McClocklin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Last Name McClocklin
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City Saskatoon
Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7M [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) N/A
Subject Rules for Commercial Dog Walkers and Number of Off-Leash Dogs
Meeting (if known) City Council, and the Planning, Development and Community Services Committee
Comments
City Council,

Here are the reasons I think commercial dog walkers should be allowed to have all their dogs off-leash:

- Commercial dog walkers generally screen their clients' dogs, and only take dogs that get along with other dogs, are obedient enough to be off-leash in a group and have reliable recall.
- Dogs are pack animals. They want to be with their pack, and they want to follow their pack leader - by instinct. Dogs walked in packs want to stay pretty close to their pack and their pack leader. In my experience (and the experience of my commercial dog walker), it is not pack dogs that have been an issue in the off-leash parks. We've had the odd rare problem with an individual dog.
- The on-leash option for more than 4 dogs is basically a non-option.
- If the proposed bylaws are from a few complaints, it would be a shame if the result is to punish all commercial dog walkers and their clients. It makes more sense to implement a rule such as the one being discussed -- to ban certain dogs that have repeat nuisance behaviour — but not limit the number of off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers in general.
- If, for some reason, Council can't agree to increase or eliminate the maximum number of off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers at all the off-leash parks, then I think there are some other options that should be considered. For example:
 - at least one designated 'larger' park that allows an unlimited (or higher limit) of off-leash dogs for

professional dog walkers. Professional dog walkers offer a fantastic win-win-win (dog - owner - dog walker) service — let's not ruin it! Limiting the number to 4 dogs will ruin this win-win-win business. It will put commercial dog walkers out of business.

- Clients hire commercial dog walkers so they can work and contribute to Saskatoon's GDP. If commercial dog walkers go out of business, this will take them out of the economy — as well taking their clients out of the economy for 2-3 hours each day (once you add in the commute to home, the commute to the off-leash park, an hour at the park, then back home to drop the dog off, and back to work).

- I looked on the city websites for Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg, and I could not find bylaws that limited the number of off-leash dogs. (I had heard Council was looking at bylaws in other cities.) I did find newspaper articles that mentioned Calgary was looking at this issue, but could not find a new bylaw. I did find that Victoria BC updated their bylaws in November 2017. They allow commercial dog walkers to have up to eight dogs either on or off-leash. I also found that there has been huge push-back in all cities that have proposed a limit of 4 off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers, both in North America and Europe.

Our dog, Zelda, goes to an off-leash park every day of the year, either with me or my commercial dog walker. She's 6.5 years old. Out of her 2,300+ off-leash walks, we've run into a 'bad' dog (bad owner?!) only 3 times. The percentage of bad dogs/owners/commercial dog walkers out there is very low. Let's not over-regulate and ruin it for the 99% of great dogs, owners and their commercial dog walkers.

Thank you for providing the off-leash parks in Saskatoon -- they bring great joy to dogs and their humans, and are necessary for dogs that need a lot of exercise.

Keitha (Zelda's human) and Zelda (Brittany spaniel who needs a lot of exercise)

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From: Donna Wasden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 - 09:18

Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED]

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City Saskatoon
Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7J [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Limitation For Dog Walkers
Meeting (if known)
Comments

Hello,
Although I'm not a professional dog walker, I'm asking that you please reconsider the proposed new bylaw limiting the number of dogs a dog walker can take at any one time. There are professional dog walkers who feel a greater sense of responsibility and have better control over a group of dogs than some individuals because they've been entrusted by their clients to oversee the safety of their pets and are paying the dog walker to do so. It's not so much the number of dogs being walked at any one time, it's more about the control the handler has over the dog(s). There are individuals who take their dog to the Avalon dog park and let their dog run around the park while they sit in their vehicle or in a lawn chair. The professional dog walkers are supervising the dogs in their care, not sitting in their vehicle oblivious to what the dogs are doing (and they don't take them to parks such as Avalon).

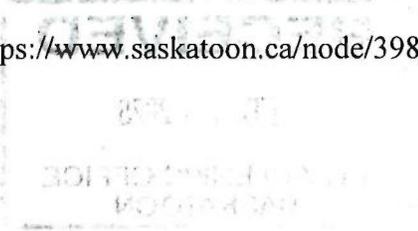
Limiting the number of dogs would put the dog walkers who have made this their livelihood out of business. I have a dog walker who is a single mother of two young children who is able to establish her hours in order to drop off and pick up her kids from school/daycare. With her years of experience, she is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to dog behaviour and loves her job. I would also note, she's held a City business license for her dog walking business for over six years.

I would also like to point out that using the services of a professional dog walker is very helpful for anyone who works long hours or is elderly or physically unable to exercise their dog as much as they should be. I was so grateful to have the help of my dog walker while recovering from surgery and was unable to walk my high energy Lab for a few months. If my dog walker is put out of business by limiting the number of dogs, this would affect more than one person and their daily activities. They simply can't make a living walking 4 dogs! Please reconsider this proposed bylaw and look at the big picture here and how it would cause a ripple effect to the dog walkers, to the owners and to the dogs who are being exercised and socialized under proper supervision. Limiting the number of dogs will simply put those dog walkers who make their living this way out of business,

this isn't just a sideline for them. Not everyone wants an office job.
Thank you.
Donna Wasden
Attachments

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From: Mary Fraser <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:42 AM
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Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Postal Code S7H [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999
Meeting (if known)

Comments

Good morning Mayor and Council members,
I am writing to ask for your support for further amendments to the [Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999, paragraph 6, establishing a limit to the number of dogs per owner] to allow for professional dog walkers with permission via licensure to walk more than 4 dogs at a time.
I have employed [REDACTED] from Wolf Pack Dog Walker for the last 6 years to walk my family's dog. His health and happiness are directly linked to her weekly walks, and I have always appreciated having her as part of my family life. Her arrival for pickup for his walk is a moment of pure joy and excitement and he is well exercised and content upon his return. I trust he is safe and well looked after while he being walked. If there are limits placed on the amount of dogs she can walk at a time I worry that her business will no longer be feasible, or her rates would increase so high we could no longer afford to employ her. Her work is vital to my dog's mental and physical health, which is incredibly important to our family, as he is an important member. Please consider supporting an amendment to the Bylaw and allow her and other dog walkers to continue running their business and permitting professional dog walkers to apply for licensure and to continue walking more than 4 dogs at once.

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From: Karlee Garand <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:15 PM
To: troy.davies@saskatoo.ca
Cc: Web E-mail - City Clerks
Subject: Proposed Changes to Saskatoon Dog Parks



Dear Troy Davies and City Council,

I am writing today to express my concern for the new proposed bylaw regarding the maximum of four dogs at city dog parks.

I am a responsible pet owner. Both my cat and dog are microchipped, licensed, spayed/neutered and up to date on shots. I have spent countless hours and resources training my dog. I believe that part of being a responsible dog owner also involves ensuring that my dog is adequately exercised and socialized. As a shift worker, it is not always possible. I have had dog walkers come to my house and take my dog on "pack walks" to the dog parks in Saskatoon for the better part of eight years. Surely, this new law would be an inconvenience for me and many others in similar situations, but my main concern is for the dog walkers that rely on this income to provide for themselves and their families. Limiting the amount of dogs they can take would put them out of business and affect their livelihoods.

While I believe that the majority of pet owners are responsible, I can understand that there are those that are not. However, I do not believe that implementing this new bylaw will change that. People who do not pick up after their dogs, will continue to not pick up after their dogs - whether they have one dog or six dogs. People who should not bring their dogs to the park due to behaviour, will continue to do so regardless of how many dogs they have. People that refuse to license their dogs will also continue to use the dog parks.

I am a frequent user of Saskatoon dog parks and I really appreciate the many options that we have. With that being said, I have not ONCE seen any sort of enforcement at the parks in my eight years of dog ownership. Why does the city not enforce the laws that are already in place? It is my understanding that pets must be licensed to use the parks but I can guarantee that this is not the case.

I truly feel that over the past few years, City Council has been restricting Saskatoon residents more and more by amending bylaws instead of enforcing what is already set in place. I believe that there are far more serious issues that Saskatoon is facing besides limiting dogs in a park, and telling residents when they can or can't have a backyard fire. I have worked downtown for 15 years and I see daily the battles that this city faces with drugs and mental health, and it has only gotten worse. I really wish that City Council would focus more time and energy on things that matter instead of restricting people that just want to enjoy the outdoors. Laws have to be in place, but what good are they if not enforced?

Should this bylaw pass, I kindly urge you to consider an exemption for the business owners that are just trying to make a living by helping people out with their pets. Their businesses and livelihoods are at stake.

Thank you for your time,

Karlee Garand
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From: Jason & Nikki Huber <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Web E-mail - City Clerks; Hill, Darren (City Councillor); Donauer, Randy (City Councillor)
Cc: Lynsay Haanstra
Subject: City of Saskatoon Proposed Bylaw on 4 dogs max at Dog Parks - IN OPPOSITION

Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in regards to the proposed bylaw imposing a maximum of 4 dogs per person in dog parks.

I am wondering why this has all of a sudden become an issue and why it has been pushed through with little to no public consultation. Mainly this rule would affect dog walkers. Walking dogs is their profession, their way of making money. It is a small business. By instituting this bylaw you are attacking a small business owner - isn't Saskatoon supposed to be small business friendly? Dog walkers will have to increase their rates, decrease the time in which they walk their packs and increase the amount of walks per day.

Responsible and reputable dog walkers will conduct 'meet & greets' with potential new clients. They will not allow a new dog into their pack that will in any way disrupt a pack walk or be a danger to the pack or others using the dog park. Also trained dog walkers know how to handle any "problem" dogs. That is their job to know how to do this. Not every dog owner knows how to properly handle their own dogs and does not have the proper training to know what to do should their dog act inappropriately and can often cause trouble at dog parks.

Also, most dog walkers know that they can be under the microscope when it comes to dog parks and picking up dog feces. You cannot blame all of the dog feces in dog parks on dog walkers or owners with multiple dogs. I have personally watched other owners of 1 - 2 dogs totally ignore their own dogs' feces and I have seen dog walkers make the effort to walk through snow banks to pick up the feces of one of their pack. It is easy to put blame on others regarding dog feces at dog parks - especially in the winter. In fact the other day my own dog pooped at the dog park right in the middle of 4 other frozen poops - others at the dog park could have easily assumed I did not pick up my own dog's feces.

What is and isn't appropriate at dog parks is so very very different to different people. Its so subjective. People can get reported at dog parks and get fined and there does not need to be any proof of wrong doing at all. I 100% agree that mean and/or aggressive dogs/biting dogs should not be in dog parks, but again what people find mean or aggressive can be very very different. I can venture to guess that if a dog walker ever found that they had a biting dog in their pack, that



that dog would never walk that dog walker again. I have seen owners with aggressive dogs continue to come to dog parks with little to no remorse and often blame their own dogs aggression on the owner of the dogs they have attacked.

This bylaw will affect dog walkers and it will affect dog owners who use the services of dog walkers. People wanting to use a dog walking service will likely see an increase of rates and a decrease of time of their dog being walked. Chances are they will have to stop using their services because it is less affordable.

Please take the time to carefully review this by law. Do the due diligence. Often some very loud voices of a very small amount of people get heard - but do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the masses. Take the time to come up with options for dog walkers like exceptions to the rules with a special license, or a large designated area where they can take larger packs for walks. Again, please slow down, take the time to do this right.

Thank you,

Nikki Huber

From: Jennifer Fairbairn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 4:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 16:18

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Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7M [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Dog Park Ambassadors - SW Dog Park
Subject Re: Off-leash dog limits
Meeting (if known) Monday Feb. 24 Council Meeting
Comments
Dear council,

We are writing to support the administration's recommendation to limit the number of off-leash dogs to four per person. We are volunteer park ambassadors for the SW Dog Park and have witnessed up to 12 dogs with just two dog walkers. These large groups behave as packs and can really change the dynamics of dog interactions (especially for older or submissive dogs). I don't think it is reasonable to keep a close enough eye and have adequate control on so many dogs. Picking up is also an issue with these large groups. We have heard dog walkers on the radio arguing that some owners have poor control of single dogs. This is an irrelevant argument. The rule is that you should have control of your animal(s) at all times and larger groups are not conducive to the amount of control required. As park ambassadors we interact with many regular park users and they have similar concerns.

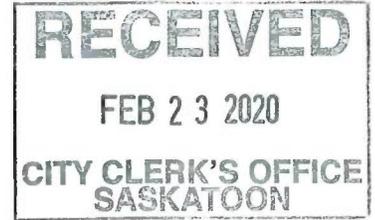
We are not requesting to speak at the meeting but appreciate your time and attention.

Jennifer and Shawn Fairbairn
Attachments

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From: Jan Felling <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Jan Felling
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 19:06

Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED]

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Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7J [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject The number of dogs a person has in park
Meeting (if known)
Comments

I heard they were bringing in a new policy about number of dogs a person has cant see the problem with having more dogs with you in any park When i walk my one dog i hope to meet up with lots of dogs together as this is the fun part of the park I notice some people seem to not like this but the dogs all tend to go together anyway they want to play I feel the dog walkers have better control over there dogs compared to us with one all this is doing is making it hard for people who have hired dog walker because they may not be able to walk there dogs this is a hardship for both As for cleaning up it's usually the person with one dog who doesn't clean up after there dog I think you need to think on this before you make a quick decision. Thanks Jan Felling
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From: Larissa Link [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 8:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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 Last Name Link
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 City Saskatoon
 Province Saskatchewan
 Postal Code S7L [REDACTED]
 Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
 Subject Proposed Bylaw for 4 dog per person at off-leash parks
 Meeting (if known) Public City Council Meeting
 Comments

I am writing in regard to the proposed limit of the number of dogs per person in the off-leash dog parks. I am a professional dog walker in Saskatoon. I am licensed and insured and I make my livelihood doing this full time. This 4-dog per person bylaw, if passed, will make it difficult for me to earn a living. It will jeopardize my business to the point of it not being viable to be a business. This, in turn, will also jeopardize a service my customers need on a daily/ weekly basis.

Also, as a dog walker, I and other dog walking professionals are very specific about the dogs we take to the off-leash parks. We don't just take any dogs. We are responsible to meet with the clients and their dogs and ascertain as to whether these dogs would fit within our packs and have the appropriate temperament for dog park socialization. We are insured as businesses and care for the animals under our care as professionals, and as if they were our own pets. We take pride in our job and we care for the cleanliness of the parks, as we also have dogs of our own.

The basis of the case of animal control stating that more than four dogs with one person has less control and lacking in clean up after them, is completely ridiculous accusation.

As a pet owner of two dogs, I believe there is no distinction between an owner who has one dog and an owner with multiple dogs as to whether they are cleaning up after their dogs or being able to control their dogs at the park. The issue is one of owner responsibility in both the clean up and indetermining if they can handle their dogs behavior around other dogs. Even having my own two dogs with me on my own time as a pet owner, I am constantly seeing irresponsible owners and picking up after other peoples dogs who may only have one dog. It would be nice to have a camera at the park to prove that more often then not, it's the lazy single dog owners that don't clean up after their dog. There have been many occasions I have even said to some of those owners, "Are

you going to pick that up?" and then gave them a doggie poop bag to pick it up. So the facts remain, that as a business, 'we' as professional dog walkers have a reputation to uphold while doing our job, and that is of taking care of the dogs in our care from the time we pick them up at the clients home to when we drop them off. That includes their safety, the safety of others and cleaning up after them. In any job you don't leave your mess for others to pick up... example, a construction worker doesn't leave his cut off pieces of wood or tools lying around. Why would anyone think that a dog walker isn't as respectful and not doing their do diligence for the job they do!

I would like to state also, that even if other cities have 4 dog or 2 dog rule off leash... we are not those cities... we are Saskatoon! A city that I live in and where I call it "my city" ... home!
We are one of the fastest growing cities and I would like to say and think we should not compare ourselves to another city.

If you do pass this bylaw, please consider also specifically zoning one or two parks such as the "Chief Whitecap dog park area" for those with larger dog packs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Lisa Helfrick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 8:39 PM
To: City Council
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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Dog Walker Bylaw
Meeting (if known) Dog Walker Bylaw at Off Leash Parks
Comments
Saskatoon City Mayor and Members of City Council
I am writing this letter for your reconsideration of the New Bylaw that is being proposed limiting the amount of dogs, known as a "pack", a professional dog walker can walk at one time at the off leash dog parks.

These professionals provide a service to many pet owners of all types. From the elderly whose pets are their lives but just do not have the capabilities to get out and provide their beloved pet with the physical and mental stimulation their dog requires. The elderly rely on Professional Dog Walkers to provide that service for their very important family member. Without dog walkers many might be forced to give up that very special member of their family.

Professional Dog Walkers provide this service to other families such a professionals, working families, or various individuals that may not have enough time to provide the exercise, socialization and mental stimulation that their pets, which are a member of the family, require on a regular basis. These family pets provide various companionship in the homes due to some children's and adult's diagnoses of ADHD, Autism, Anxiety, depression and even PTSD. They are very valuable members of the family that require a little more attention that may not be provided for inside the family home.

Professional Dog Walkers do not take their packs to the smaller off leash parks, but rather the much larger ones where they can meet and often socialize with other packs.

Individuals that take just 1 not very well trained dog or is completely ignored by the owner to an off leash park are more of a detriment than Professional Dog Walkers with a pack of dogs that are extremely well trained by the pack leader. These Professionals have the unique ability to control their pack without the use of leashes or restraints. They are truly the ALPHAS in the pack. Control is actually easier for trained dog walkers as walking

in packs is natural for dogs. A large group walking together is less likely to cause any issues, as they look to the alpha for any signs of danger or required actions. It is safe to say an individual with a couple of under-trained dogs would be of more risk than large groups following their alpha.

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We struggle to understand the benefits of such a bylaw.

What would be accomplished by not allowing these professionals to continue to provide a valuable service to responsible pet owners?

What do you hope to achieve by putting a bylaw in place which restricts the number of dogs these Professional Dog Walkers are allowed to walk at once?

You would be essentially be forcing these Dog Walkers to take less dogs at a time, which would lessen the amount of time the dog walker could spend with the dogs which could eventually force the dog walkers out of business as they would not be able to provide a proper service to their clientele. This would leave responsible pet owners without any options for them to provide for their pets. This could cause many to be forced to surrender their pets.

City council should be looking at helping the community of pet owners not limiting the options pet owners have by continuing to allow Professional Dog Walkers to provide the necessary services to their clientele.

This bylaw would effectively deny the community of a vital and beneficial service that Professional Dog Walkers provide the residents of Saskatoon.

Thanks you for your considerations

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From: Lynsay Haanstra [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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City Saskatoon
Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7L [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject In opposition of Supposed 4 dog rule
Meeting (if known)
Comments

This letter is in regards to the changes to the city bylaw which determines how many dogs a handler can walk within the Saskatoon city dog parks.

I am a pack walker in Saskatoon, and have been for 7 years. I have worked in the pet industry my whole life, and have over 20 years experience in this field. I am also a dog trainer.

If I am limited on the number of dogs I can walk at a time, it will greatly reduce my income, which may force me out of business. I am greatly concerned, since I am a single mother of two small children. My clients rely on me to help them with their dogs..... I usually walk 12 - 21 dogs per day (groups of 6 - 11). My clients come from many walks of life.... some are elderly or disabled, or home with small children and are unable to properly exercise and socialize their dogs(s).

I do an assessment of each dog prior to taking them to the dog park. Each dog must be vaccinated, licensed, have recall/basic obedience, and be friendly with other dogs and people. I always follow city bylaws, keep the dogs in the view at all time, and remove excrement promptly.

Pack walks are highly beneficial for owners and pets. It makes for happier, more well behaved animals. I can provide many testimonials from the satisfied clients I have.

Please consider other options for professional dog walkers. Perhaps special licensing, or a designated spot for groups.

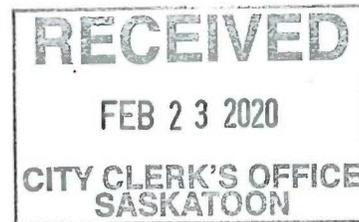
Thank you in advance, for your consideration.

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From: Teanna Corozel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 10:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council
Attachments: proposed_4_dog_bylaw.pdf



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 22:29

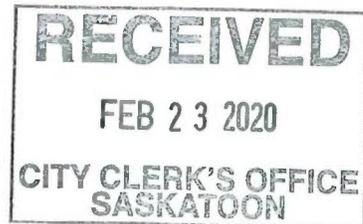
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Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, February 23, 2020
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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City Saskatoon
Province Saskatchewan
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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Proposed 4 dog bylaw
Meeting (if known)
Comments PDF attached below
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the recommendation on restricting the number of dogs allowed in the off-leash dog parks with one person at a time.

I do not think this restriction is fair to the professional dog walkers in the city. I am a regular(daily) off-leash park user and I come across multiple professional dog walkers and have never had anything but pleasant experiences with their packs. I have joined them on their walks on multiple occasions. They are responsible, always have control over their dogs and clean up after them.

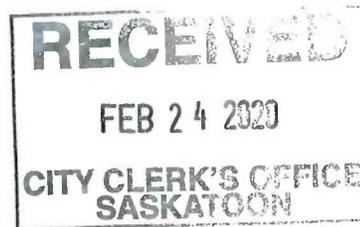
I also use these professional dog walking services on a regular basis. If this restriction were to come about, this would poorly affect the professionals as well as the clients. I can't imagine they would be able to maintain their business only walking 4 dogs at a time, the cost of using these services would have to increase in order for the businesses to be viable.

I understand that there is also a recommendation for a "3 strike system" to ban dogs who continually show nuisance behaviours. I believe that if this rule is implemented, it would weed out the bad dogs and it would not be necessary to implement the "4 dog rule". A dog walker's pack does not necessarily make for nuisance dog behaviour.

I really hope the city of Saskatoon reconsiders implementing this "4 dog rule" at the off leash dog parks.

Thank you,
Teanna Corozel

From: Liz Chapman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 4:46 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Monday, February 24, 2020 - 04:45

Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, February 24, 2020
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Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code S7K [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Proposed change to Animal Control By law with #dogs/person at off leash parks
Meeting (if known) City Council Feb 24
Comments

I am writing out of concern for the passage of the proposed Animal Control by law that would limit the number of dogs an individual could have at an off leash park to 4. While I personally only own 2 dogs, I depend on the services of a professional dog walker. For the past 7 years, we've found that pack walks work best to provide our dogs with proper exercise, stimulation and socialization. My dogs are walked 4 days a week in that manner. The proposed change would seriously affect the business and consequently our family along with our walker and her family. It's been said that controlling larger groups of dogs is difficult and hence they are being targeted. While it may be true for some, I believe it to be different with professionals. Personally I've experienced more challenges with individual owners at the parks with not controlling their dogs properly or cleaning up after them. We deal with dog scat on our sidewalk and front lawn on a regular basis. I would hope that an alternative solution can be found. Perhaps designating certain parks for larger groups would be a viable solution. Requiring professional walkers to register or be licensed may also be an alternative. I found it interesting that the city is looking to limit the number of dogs one can take to the off leash while there is no limit to the number one can own in their home within city limit.

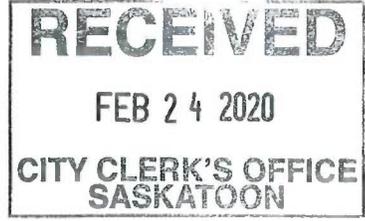
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Liz Chapman
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From: Renée Beauchamp [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 6:01 AM
To: Web E-mail - City Clerks
Subject: Dog Walker limit on #dogs walked at a time



Submitted on Monday, February 24, 2020 - 06:00
Submitted by user: Anonymous
Submitted values are:

==Your Message==

Service category: Bylaws & Policies
Account Number:
Subject: Dog Walker limit on #dogs walked at a time
Message:
Good Morning, City of Saskatoon,

I am writing to you from the Canadian Dog Walkers Association about the proposed limit on the number of dogs a Dog Walker can walk at a time, in leash-free areas (or sidewalks). Having followed two CBC articles on this, we are discouraged by the proposed limit of four, for several reasons:

- A municipal government-imposed capacity of four dogs will reduce the economic viability of Walkers and reduce their incomes to such a level that the service will not provide a livable wage. Reducing the economic viability of an industry is not seemly at all, for municipal government, who normally engage in augmenting the efforts and viability of small business.
- Professional, trained dog walkers have all of their dogs under control, at all times, using recall, proximity, and predictive/preventive strategies to manage dogs.
- Fact-check: Toronto has a limit of six (6) dogs, per walker, at a time, with a city permit which is acquired with proof of liability insurance.

Canadian Dog Walkers Association (CDWA) is available for dialogue on this issue. We do support the industry's viability, Walker training, dog safety and enrichment, and we have much to offer on these subjects. Kindly involve us.

We wish to wholeheartedly discourage a 4-dog maximum in Saskatoon.

I have not been able to find contact information for Andrew Roberts, or other notable City participants concerning this issue. Kindly forward this note and let us know who may contact (name/email/phone) to discuss this issue further.

Please let us know how we may advance on resolution of this issue together.

Many thanks,

Renée Beauchamp
Executive Director
Canadian Dog Walkers Association (CDWA)
Attachment:

==Your Details==

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Neighbourhood where you live: Adelaide/Churchill

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