

## Pet Licensing Rates and Fees for 2022 to 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed 2022 and 2023 rates and fees for Pet Licensing, as included in the 2022/2023 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, Animal Control Bylaw, 1999.

### ISSUE

Since the last rate increase for pet licensing in 2019, the Animal Services Section has seen increases in operational costs, as well as a growing demand for enhancements to dog parks. The present City Council approved rates end following the 2021 season, this report recommends rates and fees for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

### BACKGROUND

At its 2018 Business Plan and Budget Review meeting, City Council approved a two-year rate increase for pet licensing for 2019 and 2020. There was no change to the pet licensing rates in 2021.

The Animal Services Section is responsible for collection of pet license revenue, marketing of programs, events, bylaw enforcement through the management of contracts with the Saskatoon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA), program development (including the Subsidized Spay and Neuter Program), and the development and maintenance of off-leash dog parks.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

#### Proposed Pet License Rate for 2022 and 2023

Revenue generated from the proposed rate in pet licensing rates will offset contract increases for the SPCA and SACA, as well as increases in anticipated operating costs for Animal Services programs, services and amenities.

Table 1, shown below, illustrates current approved rates for 2021 and proposed 2022 and 2023 rates, which would commence January 1, 2022. The rates are proposed to be unchanged for 2023. Table 1 also illustrates the average pet licensing rates for dogs and cats from eight other Canadian municipalities.

**Table 1:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2021 Approved Rate</b>	<b>2022 Proposed Rate</b>	<b>2023 Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Other Municipalities Average Rate</b>
Dog - Un-spayed/Un-neutered	\$60.00	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$70.00
Dog - Spayed/Neutered	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$36.00
Cat - Un-spayed/Un-neutered	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$54.00
Cat - Spayed/Neutered	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
Juvenile Dog (under 1 year)	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$36.00
Juvenile Cat (under 1 year)	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
Service Dog	Free	Free	Free	Free
Tag Replacement	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

A recent review of pet licensing rates and fees among municipalities (including: Calgary, AB; Edmonton, AB; Hamilton, ON, Lethbridge, AB; London, ON; Regina, SK; Winnipeg, MB; and Victoria, BC) shows that even with proposed increases in both 2022 and 2023, the City of Saskatoon's rates will be equal to or less than the average pet licensing rates in those municipalities investigated.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Using the proposed pet licensing rates, projected volumes and based on historical averages, the following chart illustrates expected revenue for the next two years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2021 Budget Approved</b>	<b>2022 Projected</b>	<b>2023 Projected</b>
Rate Change Impact	\$0	\$ 27,300	\$0
Volume Change Impact	\$0	\$ 29,300	\$ 32,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$702,500</b>	<b>\$759,100</b>	<b>\$791,200</b>

Based on pet licensing volume projections, the proposed rate increases provide sufficient revenue to address increases in operating expenses and service level expectations.

### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, Animal Control Bylaw, 1999, are required to support implementation of the proposed fee changes.

Business Line: Community Support