

# Bylaw 19121

## Amendment to the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw 13145

### Recommendation

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to the December 11, 2019, City Council Budget meeting:

That Bylaw 19121 be given the appropriate readings.

### Purpose

A Bylaw to amend the *Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw 13145*.

### Readings

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 19121 be considered for third reading.”

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

Bylaw 19121 will amend the fee schedule contained in the *Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw 13145* to increase the annual licence fees for cats and dogs by \$1, effective January 1, 2020. The additional revenue will be used to offset expenses of *Animal Protection Act* enforcement responsibilities.

### Report

On February 1, 2019, the Edmonton Humane Society discontinued enforcement of the *Animal Protection Act* and the City of Edmonton began enforcement of the Act. On August 28, 2019, City Council approved an increase to pet licensing fees by \$1 as part of a funding proposal to offset expenses of *Animal Protection Act* enforcement. In addition, City Council directed Administration to fund the remaining program funding requirements of \$150,000.

Administration anticipates the fee increase will generate approximately \$100,000 in additional revenue annually. The increase does not apply to the Nuisance or Restricted Dog Licence fees. The last increase to the dog and cat licence fee was on January 1, 2016. The licence fee increase will come into effect on January 1, 2020.

Licence Category	Current Annual Licence Fee	\$1.00 Increase
Cat - Spayed/neutered	\$21	\$22
Cat - Unaltered	\$76	\$77
Dog - Spayed/neutered	\$36	\$37
Dog - Unaltered	\$76	\$77
Guide / Service Dogs	Free	Free

### Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome: Edmonton is safe city			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Growth in annual cat and dog licences issued keeps pace with population growth	Number of cat and dog licences issued	2018 - 101,190 2017 - 101,671	Maintain or increase in the number of licences issued
Resolution of <i>Animal Protection Act</i> cases	Total number of Animal Protection Act cases investigated and completed	<u>February 1 - November 30, 2019</u> 1,257 cases completed (76.6%) 1,642 cases investigated	Increase in efficiency and effectiveness in resolution of cases

### Budget/Financial Implications

The proposed fee changes align with the revenue projections for *Animal Protection Act* enforcement presented in the Fall 2019 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment.

### Attachments

1. Bylaw 19121 - Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw Amendment No. 18

### Others Reviewing this Report

- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- A. Laughin, Acting Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor