

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE

BY-LAW #12

DOGS

1. In these By-Laws, the “Owner” of a dog shall include any person who possesses or harbours a dog.
2. On or before the 1st day of June in each year the owner of any dog shall register such dog with the Clerk for that calendar year, shall pay the tax provided therefore by this By-Law, and shall obtain from the Clerk a tag for such dog.
3. (a) The owner of a dog who has become owner thereof after the 1st day of June and which dog is not registered with the Clerk shall, within two (2) days after he has become owner, register the dog and pay the tax.

(b) A tax paid at any time after the 1st day of June shall be the same amount as the amount required to be paid on or before the 1st day of June, notwithstanding that it is for only part of a year.

(c) Registration made and tax paid after the 1st day of June shall be effective until the 31st day of May next following the making and payment thereof.
4. **(Amended January 1993)**
The tax shall be paid annually as follows:
 - (a) Each neutered or spayed dog \$5.00
 - (b) Each un-neutered male or female not spayed \$10.00
 - (c) The owners of a kennel of pure-bred dogs which are registered in the Canada Kennel Registry may pay to the Treasurer of the Municipality a ten dollar (\$10.00) tax upon the kennel in any year and upon payment shall be exempt from assessment of any further tax in respect of such dogs for that year.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of every dog registered, showing the date and number of registration, and the name and description of the dog with the name and address of the owner. The owner shall furnish this information to the Clerk at or before the time of registration.
6. (a) The Clerk shall supply the owner with a tag for each dog registered with the number and year of registration subscribed thereon, and the owner of every registered dog shall keep on such dog a collar with the tag attached thereto.

(b) A tag may be removed from a dog temporarily when the dog is being lawfully used for hunting purposes.

(c) A tag issued for one dog shall not be used on any other dog.
7. When the Municipal Clerk is satisfied that a tag validly issued has been lost; and upon payment to him of fifty (50) cents, the Clerk may issue a new tag to replace the one lost.
8. The owner of a dog:
 - (a) Which runs at large contrary to this By-Law;

 - (b) In respect of which the tax imposed by this By-Law is not paid;

 - (c) Which is fierce or dangerous, or

 - (d) Which without provocation has attacked or injured any person or property, is guilty of an offence against this By-Law and is subject on conviction to the penalty prescribed in this By-Law.
9. No dog shall leave or shall be permitted to leave the premises of the owner unless the said dog is under the effective control and restraint of some person in charge thereof, and the fact that any dog is running at large shall be an offence against this By-Law.

10. **(Amended June 1983)**

(a) Any By-Law Enforcement Officer, Constable or Peace Officer without notice to or complaint against the owner of any dog, may impound/or kill, and may kill on sight without impounding, any dog:

- (i) found running at large, contrary to this By-Law, or
- (ii) in respect of which the tax imposed by this By-Law has not been paid, or
- (iii) which is fierce or dangerous.

(b) The Treasurer shall pay to any constable or peace officer or other person authorized by the Council, the reasonable expenses incurred in impounding or killing any dog or of disposing of its carcass. The constable or peace officer or other authorized person shall render in each case a statement of the circumstances and of the expenses incurred and he shall verify it by a statutory declaration.

11. The Council may appoint a pound keeper who shall keep all dogs delivered to him and furnish them with food, water and shelter. The Council may by Resolution fix remuneration of any such pound keeper.

12. (a) The pound keeper shall notify the owner of the impounding of the dog if the dog has a license tag, by registered mail, postage prepaid.

(b) The owner of any dog impounded may, upon proving his ownership thereof and the payment of the registration and license fee to the Clerk, if the dog is not registered and licensed, and a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and board at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per day or part thereof, redeem the same from the pound.

(c) All fees and penalties collected under this section shall be itemized and the monies turned over to the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

13. Any dog which has not been so redeemed for a period of seventy-two (72) hours may, after the expiration of that period, be sold by the pound keeper for a sum of not less than

nineteen dollars (\$19.00) after notice as prescribed in Section 12 (a) has been given.

14. Any person resident within the Municipality purchasing an unregistered and unlicensed dog from a pound keeper shall register and license the dog before taking him from the pound.

15. Any dog which cannot be sold may be destroyed by the pound keeper after all reasonable notice and attempts to ascertain the owner of same has been carried out.

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