



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
By-law 2020-088

Department: Planning, Development and Recreation
Division: Building and By-law
By-law Number: 2020-088
Report Number: 2020-300-Planning, Development and Recreation
Meeting Date: June 8, 2020
Subject: Cat Control Strategy By-law

Whereas the Council of the City of Cornwall wishes to reduce the feral cat population within the City;

Whereas the Council of the City of Cornwall wishes to encourage the spaying and neutering of cats in order to help control the cat population within the City;

Whereas the Council of the City of Cornwall wishes to fund this program on an annual basis for the duration of the program, and to offset the funding of this program, that the Animal Control By-Law, be amended to include the registration of cats;

Whereas subsection 11(3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, authorizes municipalities to pass By-Laws respecting animals;

Whereas subsection 8(3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, provides that a By-Law passed under section 11 respecting a matter may:

- a) regulate or prohibit respecting the matter;
- b) require persons to do things respecting the matter; and
- c) provide for a system of licences respecting the matter;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall enacts as follows:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Cornwall enter into an agreement with a licensed subsidized spaying and neutering provider for the purpose of spaying and neutering cats within the City.
2. That the Corporation of the City of Cornwall budget an annual amount appropriate for the funding of the spaying and neutering of cats for the duration of the program.
3. That the Social Services and Building & By-Law Divisions work collaboratively to further develop this program.
4. That the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute all documents to complete this matter.
5. That the Animal Control By-Law 112-1998, as amended, be further amended as follows:

(a) That the definition of “Owner” be repealed.

(b) That Section 1 Definitions are amended to include:

“Animal” means any bird, reptile, amphibian or mammal excluding humans and wildlife;

“Approved Fostering Organization” means an organization that rescues and fosters cats and that has been approved in writing for the purposes of the By-Law by the Chief Building Official, and whose approved status has not been revoked by the Chief Building Official;

“Cat” means a male or female cat (*felis Catus*) of any age and includes a Feral Cat;

“Chief Building Official” means the Chief Building Official as designated by Council or the designate;

“Feral Cat” means a male or female cat of any age that is undomesticated; that, in general, receives little human contact or care and lives outdoors or unconfined at all times.

“Kitten” means a juvenile cat three (3) months of age or younger.

“Owner” means any person who possesses or harbours an animal, including a dog or cat, where the owner is a minor, includes the person responsible for the custody of the minor and includes the person or

- persons identified in the most recent municipal assessment roll as the owner of the subject property, and “owns”, “owned” and “ownership” have a corresponding meaning.
- (c) That Sections 2 a), b), c), d), e), g) and h) are amended to include the words “or cat” after each iteration of the word “dog”. For greater certainty Section 2 is to require both dogs and cats to be registered.
 - (d) That Section 2 is amended to add “j) Approved Fostering Organizations are exempt from registering cats or feral cats that are under their care for the purposes of fostering”.
 - (e) That Section 4 is amended to include the words “or cats” after each iteration of the word “dog”. For greater certainty Section 4 is to include both dogs and cats.
 - (f) That Section 4 is further amended regarding the words “spayed female dogs” to “spayed dogs and cats and neutered dogs and cats”. For greater certainty Section 4 is to include both spayed and neutered dogs and cats.
 - (g) That Subsection 7 s) paragraph two is amended to include the words “or cat” after each iteration of the word “dog”. For greater certainty Subsection 7 s) requires both dogs and cats to have a valid tag.
 - (h) That Subsection 7 t) be added as follows “Notwithstanding Subsection 7 r) Any cats or feral cats under the care of an Approved Fostering Organization are exempt from counting towards the maximum number of permitted animals per household”.
 - (i) That SCHEDULE “A” of the Animal Control By-law be amended to add the words “or cats” after each iteration of the word “dog”. For greater certainty SCHEDULE “A” shall include both dogs and cats.
6. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on July 6th, 2020, save and except that Paragraph 5 c) and g) of this By-Law shall come into force and effect on February 1, 2021.



Read, signed and sealed in open Council this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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Manon L. Levesque
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Clement". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Bernadette Clement
Mayor