

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM

BY-LAW NO. 20

BEING A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGISTRATION,  
AND RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS The Dog and live stock and Poultry Protection Act, R.S.O. 1960, Chapter 111, as amended, provides that Councils of Municipalities may pass bylaws for licensing and requiring the registration of dogs and for imposing a license fee on the owners of them and for prohibiting or regulating the running at large of dogs within the municipality and for seizing and impounding and for killing, whether before or after impounding the dogs running at large contrary to the by-law and for killing dogs so impounded at such time and in such manner as may be provided by the by-law.

AND WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham considers it desirable in the interest of the public to enact a by-law subject to the Provisions of the said Act.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED By the Municipal Council of the Town of Pelham;-

1. In this By-law:

- (a) "Dogs" means any dog, male or female,
- (b) "Owner" of a dog includes any person who possess or harbours a dogs and "owns" and "owned" have a corresponding meaning,
- (c) For the purpose of this by-law a dog shall be deemed to be "running at large" when found in or on a highway or other public place or off the premises upon which it is habitually kept and not under the control of any person.

2. An annual dog tax shall be levied in the Town of Pelham upon every person, who is assessed as owner or tenant of any land and who is in occupation thereof, in respect of any dog which he owns within the Municipality, or which is habitually kept upon the premises for which he is assessed or resides although such dog is owned by some other person.

3. The amount of such annual tax shall be:-

- (a) for a male dog \$4.00
- (b) for a female dog \$8.00

Provided that upon the production of a certificate in writing of a veterinary surgeon that a bitch has been spayed, such bitch shall be taxed at the same rate as a male dog.

Provided also that the owner of a kennel of pure-bred dogs which are registered in the "Canada Kennel Register" may in any year pay to the Treasurer or Collector of the Municipality \$10.00 as a tax upon such kennels for that year, and upon the production of such certificate of payment, such kennels shall be exempt from any further tax in respect of dogs kept in such kennels or premises for that year.

4. (a) Every person in each year on or before the 15th day of February or on or before such earlier or later date as may be fixed by Council shall procure from the Clerk or Collector of the Municipality a tag for each dog in respect of which is liable for the dog tax, and shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog at all times during the year and untill he procures a tag for the following year except that the tag may be removed while the dog has



been lawfully used for hunting in the bush.

(b) A fee not exceeding \$.25 may be charged for each tag.

(c) The tag shall bear a serial number and the year in which it was issued and the record shall be kept by the Clerk-Treasurer or other officer designated for that purpose showing the name and address of the owner and the serial number of the tag.

(d) Every person who fails to comply with sub-section (a) of this paragraph or uses a tag upon a dog other than that for which it was issued shall be guilty of an offense and on Summary Conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10.00.

(e) Every dog which is found off the premises upon which it is habitually kept without a tag and/or not under the control of any person may be impounded and killed.

5. No person shall permit his or her dog to run at large in public parks, streets, lanes, highways or other public places in the municipality unless such dog is under control of some person over seven years of age.

6. Any dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law may be seized and impounded and may be sold or destroyed as hereinafter provided.

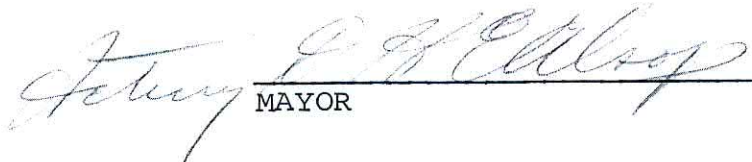
7. Any duly authorized person may capture any dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law and may deliver such dog to the poundkeeper, who shall impound same, and the owner, possessor or harbourer of such dog may be permitted to redeem the same within forty-eight hours from the time of the capture by paying such charges as may be imposed for the keep of such dog and expenses incidental to its capture.

8. All dogs impounded, as provided by this by-law, if not redeemed within four days after such impounding may be sold at such price as the poundkeeper may deem proper and all dogs not so redeemed, or sold, shall, after four clear days from the time of such impoundment be killed or otherwise disposed of in such manner as the Council may approve. Provided that where the owner or possessor of a dog impounded produces within forty-eight hours after such impoundment, satisfactory evidence that prior to the capture of the dog he has complied with the provisions of this by-law in respect of such dog, he shall be entitled to recover, without payment, such dog upon reasonable proof of property in such dog.

9. Every person who is found guilty of a contravention of this by-law shall incur a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) exclusive of costs and such penalty shall be recoverable under the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act.

10. This by-law shall take effect from and after the passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS  
2nd DAY OF MARCH, 1970.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK