

CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Parking and By-law Services Division

TO: Chair and Members Planning Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: January 17, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: 2012 Animal Control User Fees (PED12012) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)	
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the 2012 Animal Control User Fees contained in Appendix "A" to Report PED12012 be approved and added to the City's User Fee and Charges By-law.
- (b) That the item titled 2012 Animal Control User Fees be removed from the Planning Committee's Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The General Issues Committee, at its November 14, 2011 meeting, considered the 2012 Tax Supported User Fee Report (FCS11096). The recommended Animal Control User Fees were referred to the Planning Committee for further discussion.

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial: Revenue estimates for the Parking and By-Law Services Division 2012 Budget are based on the fees contained within this Report.

Legal/Staffing: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The General Issues Committee, at its November 14, 2011 meeting approved:

- “(a) That the 2012 User Fees, as amended, and attached hereto as Appendix “B” be approved and implemented;
- (b) That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all the necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within this report, as amended;
- (c) That the section of the 2012 Tax-Supported User Fees related to “Planning & Development – Parking and By-law Service: Animal Control be referred to the Planning Committee for further discussion.”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Finance staff were consulted in the preparation of this Report.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

Appendix “A” to Report FCS11096 provided a listing of virtually all of the City’s tax supported user fees, including those managed by the Animal Services Section of the Parking and By-Law Services Division. While the 50% discount on licences for seniors and the disabled was being maintained, there was confusion and concern because the recommended fee schedule attempted to continue the streamlining and simplification of the fee structure which began in 2011, and the HST status was being corrected for 2012.

As a result, staff are not proceeding with any further streamlining and simplification of the fee structure. Appendix “A” to this Report recommends Animal Control User Fees for 2012 which adhere to the Council approved guideline of 2.2% (with some minor deviation due to rounding up to the nearest dollar for all rates except those for seniors which are rounded down to the nearest dollar). No new fees are being proposed, and the 50% discount on licences and other reductions for seniors and the disabled are being maintained.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

Council may direct staff on any of the user fees.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

- ***Financial Sustainability***
Adoption of 2012 User Fees contributes to financial sustainability of the City of Hamilton.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix “A” to Report PED12012– Recommended 2012 Animal Control User Fees

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2012 PROPOSED USER FEES AND CHARGES

Department: Planning & Economic Development
Division: Parking & By-law Services - Animal Services

Service or Activity Provided or Use of City Property	2011 Approved Fee	2012 Proposed Fee ^A	HST (Y/N)*	% Change in Proposed Fee	Basis for Fee Increase
Impound Fees (Standard Rate)					
Licensed Dog - 1st Offence	\$ 56.64	\$ 58.00	N	2.4%	
Licensed Dog - Subsequent Offence	\$ 149.34	\$ 153.00	N	2.5%	
Unlicensed Dog - 1st Offence	\$ 87.61	\$ 90.00	N	2.7%	
Unlicensed Dog - Subsequent Offence	\$ 149.34	\$ 153.00	N	2.5%	
Vicious Dog	\$ 500.00	\$ 511.00	N	2.2%	
Identified Cat [1]	\$ 45.13	\$ 47.00	N	4.1%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [2]	\$ 45.13	\$ 47.00	N	4.1%	
Snake & Reptile			N		
Livestock - Small	\$ 113.27	\$ 116.00	N	2.4%	
Livestock - Large	\$ 241.37	\$ 247.00	N	2.3%	
Impound Fees (Seniors & Disabled Rate)					
Licensed Dog - 1st Offence	\$ 51.77	\$ 53.00	N	2.4%	
Licensed Dog - Subsequent Offence	\$ 77.43	\$ 80.00	N	3.3%	
Unlicensed Dog - 1st Offence	\$ 77.43	\$ 80.00	N	3.3%	
Unlicensed Dog - Subsequent Offence	\$ 128.26	\$ 132.00	N	2.9%	
Vicious Dog	\$ 500.00	\$ 511.00	N	2.2%	
Identified Cat [1] - 1st Offence	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.00	N	2.2%	
Identified Cat [1] - Subsequent Offence	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.00	N	2.2%	
Unidentified Cat - 1st Offence	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.00	N	2.2%	
Unidentified Cat - Subsequent Offence	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.00	N	2.2%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [2]	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.00	N	2.2%	
Livestock - Small	\$ 103.10	\$ 106.00	N	2.8%	
Livestock - Large	\$ 210.40	\$ 216.00	N	2.7%	
Live Surrender Fees - [3] (Standard Rate)					
Dog - Under 50 kg [4]	\$ 150.45	\$ 153.98	Y	2.3%	
Dog - Over 50 kg [4]	\$ 238.95	\$ 244.25	Y	2.2%	
Cat	\$ 150.45	\$ 153.98	Y	2.3%	
Litter (up to 5) - Canine or Feline	\$ 54.87	\$ 56.64	Y	3.2%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [5]	\$ 54.87	\$ 56.64	Y	3.2%	
Multiple Small Domestic Animals (up to 5)	\$ 54.87	\$ 56.64	Y	3.2%	
Small Livestock	\$ 98.23	\$ 100.88	Y	2.7%	
Live Surrender Fees - [3] (Seniors & Disabled Rate)					

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Division: Parking & By-law Services - Animal Services

Service or Activity Provided or Use of City Property	2011 Approved Fee	2012 Proposed Fee ^A	HST (Y/N)*	% Change in Proposed Fee	Basis for Fee Increase
Dog - Under 50 kg [4]	\$ 117.70	\$ 120.35	Y	2.3%	
Dog - Over 50 kg [4]	\$ 185.84	\$ 190.27	Y	2.4%	
Cat	\$ 117.70	\$ 120.35	Y	2.3%	
Litter (up to 5) - Canine or Feline	\$ 42.48	\$ 43.36	Y	2.1%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [5]	\$ 42.48	\$ 43.36	Y	2.1%	
Multiple Small Domestic Animals (up to 6)	\$ 42.48	\$ 43.36	Y	2.1%	
Small Livestock	\$ 88.50	\$ 90.27	Y	2.0%	
Cadaver Surrender Fees (Standard Rate)					
Dog - Under 50 kg [4]	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.65	Y	2.7%	
Dog - Over 50 kg [4]	\$ 150.45	\$ 153.98	Y	2.3%	
Cat	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Puppy (one) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Kitten (one) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Litter - Canine or Feline (up to 5) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [5]	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Multiple Small Domestic Animals (up to 5)	\$ 45.13	\$ 46.90	Y	3.9%	
Small Livestock	\$ 77.43	\$ 79.65	Y	2.9%	
Cadaver Surrender Fees (Seniors & Disabled Rate)					
Dog - Under 50 kg [4]	\$ 77.88	\$ 79.65	Y	2.3%	
Dog - Over 50 kg [4]	\$ 103.54	\$ 106.19	Y	2.6%	
Cat	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Puppy (one) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Kitten (one) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Litter - Canine or Feline (up to 5) (under 12 weeks)	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Other Small Domestic Animal [5]	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Multiple Small Domestic Animals (up to 5)	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Small Livestock	\$ 51.77	\$ 53.10	Y	2.6%	
Dog	\$ 15.93	\$ 16.00	N	0.4%	
Vicious Dog	\$ 26.33	\$ 27.00	N	2.5%	
Cat	\$ 10.62	\$ 11.00	N	3.6%	
Other Small Domestic Animal	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.00	N	4.3%	
Small Livestock	cost recovery	cost recovery	N		

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Service or Activity Provided or Use of City Property	2011 Approved Fee	2012 Proposed Fee ^A	HST (Y/N)*	% Change in Proposed Fee	Basis for Fee Increase
Large Livestock	cost recovery	cost recovery	N		
Boarding Fee (Seniors & Disable Rate - Per Day)					
Dog	\$ 10.62	\$ 11.00	N	3.6%	
Vicious Dog	\$ 26.33	\$ 27.00	N	2.5%	
Cat	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.00	N	4.3%	
Other Small Domestic Animal	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.00	N	4.3%	
Small Livestock	cost recovery	cost recovery	N		
Large Livestock	cost recovery	cost recovery	N		
Trap Rentals					
Small Trap - Deposit	\$ 66.37	\$ 68.14	Y	2.7%	
Large Trap - Deposit	\$ 88.50	\$ 91.15	Y	3.0%	
Small or Large Trap - Rental (per day)	\$ 8.85	\$ 9.73	Y	10.0%	
Small or Large Trap - Trap delivery / set up	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.86	Y	2.9%	
Miscellaneous					
Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pig Licence (Bylaw #94-012)	\$ 31.25	\$ 32.00	N	2.4%	
Cat Licence	\$ 12.50	\$ 13.00	N	4.0%	
Wildlife removal from private trap - release on site	\$ 50.00	\$ 51.33	Y	2.7%	
Wildlife removal from private trap - Euthanasia [6]	\$ 82.30	\$ 84.96	Y	3.2%	
Pet Transport (Ambulance)	\$ 61.95	\$ 63.72	Y	2.9%	
Quarantine per day - Dog	\$ 26.33	\$ 27.00	N	2.5%	
Quarantine per day - Cat	\$ 20.80	\$ 22.00	N	5.8%	
Cat Cardboard Carrier	\$ 4.42	\$ 5.31	Y	20.1%	
Dog Leash	\$ 3.98	\$ 4.42	Y	11.2%	
Admin Fee (e.g. for special billing arrangements)	\$ 20.80	\$ 22.12	Y	6.4%	

* Note: HST is not included in the 2011 Approved and 2012 Proposed Fees. If HST = "Y", HST is collected in addition to the fee.

^A2012 Fee increases (based on Council Guideline) rounded to the nearest \$1.00

[1] Micro-chipped, engraved collar, tattooed, registered

[2] Rabbits, rodents, song birds, reptiles, etc.

[3] Includes cremation

[4] 50kg = 110 lbs.

[5] Excludes Fish - no charge

[6] No Charge if animal fatally injured prior to capture or poses bona fide threat

2012 PROPOSED USER FEES AND CHARGESDepartment: Planning & Economic DevelopmentDivision: Parking & By-law Services - Animal Services: Dog Licences

Service or Activity Provided or Use of City Property	2011 Approved Fee	2012 Proposed Fee ▲	HST (Y/N)*	% Change in Proposed Fee	Basis for Fee Increase
Dog Licences - Standard Rate					
- spayed/neutered or under 6 months of age	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.00	N	3.7%	Increased by 2.2% and rounded to nearest dollar
- over six months not spayed/neutered	\$ 63.50	\$ 64.00	N	0.8%	"
Dog Licences - Senior / Disability Rate					
- spayed/neutered or under 6 months of age	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.00	N	3.7%	"
- over six months not spayed/neutered	\$ 31.75	\$ 32.00	N	0.8%	"
Replacement Tag Fee	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00	N	4.8%	"
Late Penalty Fee	\$ 15.75	\$ 16.00	N	1.6%	"
Flat rate licence	\$ 104.00		N	-100.0%	eliminate little used fee - 8 in existence will be grandfathered
Valid Licence in another Municipality where the owner has moved to the City of Hamilton within 30 days	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00	N	4.8%	Increased by 2.2%, rounded to the nearest \$1
Leash Free Fee of \$1.00 is included/charged for every licence sold					

^2012 Fee increases (based on Council Guideline) rounded to the nearest \$1.00

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