



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Bylaw No. 847-PL-24 - Bylaw to Amend Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22

**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2024

**Executive Summary:**

Bylaw No. 847-PL-24, Amendment to the Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22 is presented to establish a small fee increase for the 2025 animal license fees and impound fees as was included in the 2025 Operating Budget.

In order to have enough time to mail out 2025 renewal notices, Administration recommends that Council consider giving, first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading to the bylaw this evening.

**Background:**

Bylaw No. 755-PL-22, Animal Care and Control bylaw was passed on August 23, 2022 to regulate the care and control of animals within the City of Cold Lake. The Bylaw was subsequently amended on November 22, 2023 by Bylaw No. 817-PL-23, to establish the Animal Licensing fees for 2024.

During the 2025 Budget deliberations, Council directed that a small overall increase be implemented to the City’s licenses, fees, and rates with the intent of raising rates by approximately 2.5%.

Bylaw No. 847-PL-24, Amendment to the Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22 is presented to increase fees for 2025.

The increase to the City’s animal licenses for 2025 is proposed below:

	2024 LICENSES FEES	2025 ANNUAL LICENSE FEES	% FEE INCREASE
Dog/Cat Basic License	\$ 75	\$ 77.50	3%
Dog/Cat Neutered/Spay	\$ 20	\$ 20.50	3%
Vicious	\$ 250	\$ 260	4%
Replacement	\$ 10	\$ 10	0%



The increase to the impound fees (at the City's Animal Care and Control Centre) proposed for 2025 is below:

	<b>2024 LICENSES FEES</b>	<b>2025 ANNUAL LICENSE FEES</b>	<b>% FEE INCREASE</b>
Animal Intake Fee	\$ 60	\$ 62	3%
Daily Care Fee	\$ 20	\$ 21	5%

The small license fee increase and impound fee increase is intended to take into consideration general increased costs and inflationary increases.

In order to provide time to mail out the renewal notices prior to the January 1<sup>st</sup> renewal, it is recommended that Council give first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading to the bylaw.

**Alternatives:**

Council may wish to:

1. Give Bylaw No. 847-PL-24, Amendment to the Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22 first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading, as presented.
2. Give Bylaw No. 847-PL-24, Amendment to the Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22 first reading, as presented.

**Recommended Action:**

That Council give Bylaw No. 847-PL-24, being a Bylaw to Amend Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 755-PL-22 first, second, consent for third, and third and final reading, as presented.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes

**Submitted by:**

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