THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. 1/2024

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law to allow community cat management considering both animal welfare and community livability.

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1
AMENDMENTS TO
THE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BY-LAW

Responsible Pet Ownership By-law amended

1 The Responsible Pet Ownership By-law No. 92/2013 is amended by this by-law.

Subsection 2(1) amended

2(1) Subsection 2(1) is amended to add the definition of *"community cat"* in alphabetical order as follows:

*"**community cat**" means an unowned domestic cat or kitten that lives outdoors and typically avoids human contact;*

2(2) Subsection 2(1) is amended to add the definition of *"harbourer"* in alphabetical order as follows:

*"**harbourer**" means a person who is harbouring an animal;*

Clause 13(1)(a) amended

3 Clause 13(1)(a) is amended to delete the word "*significant*".

Clause 13(2)(a) amended

4 Clause 13(2)(a) is amended to delete the word "*recent*".

Section 22.1 added

8 Section 22.1 is added after subsection 22(2) as follows:

Trap, neuter and return of community cats

22.1(1) Subject to this section, the designated employee may on such terms and conditions as the designated employee considers appropriate authorize an animal rescue organization or a person to

(a) capture a community cat in the City of Winnipeg using a live release trap or other humane means;

(b) have the community cat sterilized and/or vaccinated by a veterinarian, as needed; and

(c) following post-operative care after sterilization and/or other medical treatment, return the cat to the same environment from which the cat was captured, if safe to do so.

22.1(2) An authorization under subsection (1) exempts the animal rescue organization or person from the requirements set forth in sections 18(1) and 19(1) of this by-law with respect to the community cat.

24.2(3) An animal rescue organization or person who is authorized under subsection (1) shall:

(a) either

(i) have a community cat management program that is recognized by the General Manager, or

(ii) be registered with a community cat management program that is recognized by the General Manager, or become registered within 14 days of being requested to do so by a designated employee;

(b) provide food and water to the community cat, as needed;

(c) remove and rehome an adoptable community cat;

(d) limit the number and/or size of structures used for shelter when directed to do so by a designated employee;

(e) maintain sanitary and uncluttered conditions at the premises where a community cat is harboured; and

(f) follow such other terms and conditions imposed by the designated employee under subsection (1).

PART 2
AMENDMENTS TO
THE MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT ENABLING BY-LAW

Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (MBEA) Enabling By-law amended

1 The Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (MBEA) Enabling By-law 59/2016 is amended by this Part.

Schedule A amended

2 The table applicable to the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law No. 92/2013 set out in Schedule A of the Municipal By-law Enforcement Act Enabling By-law No. 59/2016 is amended to add the following provisions in numerical order:

Responsible Pet Ownership By-law, By-Law No. 92/2013		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
24.2(3)(a)(ii)	Failure to register with a community cat management program recognized by the General Manager or become registered within 14 days of being requested to do so	250	125
24.2(3)(b)	Failure to provide food and water to a community cat as needed	250	125
24.2(3)(d)	Failure to limit the number and/or size of structures used for shelter when directed to do so by a designated employee	250	125
24.2(3)(e)	Failure to maintain sanitary and uncluttered conditions at the premises where a community cat is harboured	250	125
24.2(3)(f)	Failure to follow such other terms and conditions imposed by the designated employee	250	125

PART 3
COMING INTO FORCE

Coming into force

1 This By-law comes into force upon its enactment by Council.

DONE AND PASSED this 25th day of January, 2024.

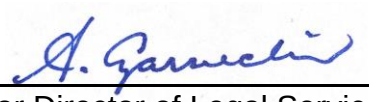
Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to content

General Manager of Animal Services Agency

Legally reviewed and certified as to form:



for Director of Legal Services / City Solicitor