

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE**

**By-Law 2023 – 22**

**“Dog By-law”**

Being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2012 – 13, being a By-Law to provide for imposing a licence fee on owners of dogs and for regulating the being at large or trespassing of dogs.

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**WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Pelee, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act. S.O. 2001, Section 103, is authorized to impose a licence fee on every person who owns a dog.

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Pelee is authorized and empowered by the aforementioned Act to pass a by-law for regulating the being at large or trespassing of dogs within the Municipality of the Township of Pelee and for seizing, impounding and adoption, whether before or after impounding, dogs being at large contrary to such by-law;

**NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Every owner of a dog within the Municipality of the Township of Pelee shall, on or before the last day of April, in every year, obtain a tag for the same from the municipal office and pay to the Township of Pelee the following licence fee:

For a male dog or spayed female	\$20.00
For a female dog, intact	\$30.00
For a kennel (required if five or more dogs)	\$100.00

2. A tag shall be supplied by the Township of Pelee for each dog in respect of which a licence fee is paid hereunder and the owner shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog at all times during the year and until the owner procures a tag for the following year.
3. No person shall fix upon a dog a tag unless the same was issued for use upon such dog.
4. The said tag shall bear a serial number and the year in which it was issued and a record shall be kept by the Township of Pelee showing the name and address of the owner and the serial number of the tag.
5. Every dog which is found off the premises upon which it is habitually kept, without a tag, or with a tag and not under the control of any person, may be seized by an official of the

Township and may be taken to a shelter, after having been impounded for 72 hours. The owner of any dog impounded under this clause shall pay to the Township the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) reclaiming fee on the first offence before obtaining the release of the dog and a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) reclaiming fee for each offence thereafter. The owner will also be responsible to pay any costs incurred by the Municipality for impounding the dog.

6. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
7. That By-law 2012 – 13 is hereby repealed.
8. All other By-laws heretofore passed respecting the licensing and regulating the running at large of dogs within the Municipality of the Township of Pelee shall be and the same are hereby repealed.
9. That this By-law shall be known by its short title “Dog By-law”.

AND THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

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**Mayor, Catherine Miller**

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**Interim Clerk, Kristine Horst**