

BYLAW 2016-08

THE VILLAGE OF CHAPLIN

DOG BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF CHAPLIN IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS

The council of the Village of Chaplin enacts the following:

SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw shall be known as the “Dog Bylaw”.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw the following definitions apply:

- a) **Council** – shall mean the members of the council of the Village of Chaplin;
- b) **Administrator** – shall mean the Administrator for the Village of Chaplin, or any person authorized to act on his/her behalf;
- c) **Dog** - shall mean a male or female dog or puppy;
- d) **Municipality** - shall mean the Village of Chaplin;
- e) **Stray Dog** – shall mean every dog that does not carry a current dog license tag registered with the Village of Chaplin;
- f) **Owner** – shall mean and include any person owning, possessing, or harbouring a dog or allowing a dog to remain about his house or premises;;
- g) **Running at Large** – shall mean any dog which is found beyond the premises of its owner, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land, and within the limits of the Municipality, and when it is not under control by being:
 - i. On a leash and in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it;
 - ii. Securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - iii. Securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.
- h) **License Year** – shall mean a period of 12 months from the date the license is purchased.

LICENSING OF DOGS

3. Every person who owns or harbours a dog within the municipality shall cause such dog to be registered with and obtain a licence for the dog for the current Licence Year from the Village Office. Failure to do so shall constitute an offence under this bylaw.
4. At the time of registering, the owner shall provide the Administrator with a description of each dog owned by him including its breed, sex, whether the dog has been spayed/neutered, and the name of the owner of the dog and contact information;
5. Every owner to whom a license has been issued under this bylaw shall cause his dog to wear a collar to which shall be attached the license tag issued by the municipality pursuant to this bylaw;
6. The Administrator shall keep a record of each license issued along with the information provided in Section 4.

LICENSE FEES

7. License fees shall be payable as follows for each dog in the same household:

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| a) For spayed or neutered dogs | \$5.00 |
| b) For dogs that are not spayed or neutered | \$10.00 |

GUIDE DOGS

8. The license fee shall be waived for any dog professionally trained and used as a guide dog.

LOST TAGS

9. The fee for issuing a duplicate license upon satisfactory proof that the dog license originally issued has been lost or stolen shall be \$1.00.

RUNNING AT LARGE

- 10. No owner shall permit any dog to run at large in the Municipality at any time whether it is licensed or not.
- 11. Any person witnessing a dog running at large may lodge a written complaint with the Administrator using Form A, available from the Village of Chaplin Office.
- 12. The owner of any dog found running at large shall be in violation of this bylaw and sent a Notice of Violation, Form B, by the Administrator. The fine for any dog caught running at large shall be \$200. If the dog is unlicensed at the time of the violation, the dog will be licensed and a license fee as set out in Section 7 will be added to the fine.

DANGEROUS DOGS

13. The control of dangerous dogs shall be in accordance with Section 5 of the Municipalities Act of the Province of Saskatchewan.

PENALTY

- 14. In a prosecution under this Bylaw where it is alleged or charged that any person has committed a breach of any provision of this Bylaw, the onus is upon the person charged to prove that he is not the owner of the dog in question.
 - 15. A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw or neglects or refuses to comply therewith shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$2,000.00.
16. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.
17. Village of Chaplin Bylaw No. 001-2015 is hereby repealed.

Village of Chaplin

[SEAL]

Mayor

Administrator

Read a third time and adopted this
____ day of _____, 2015

Administrator