

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW 4567/2019 – ANIMAL BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP AND TO CONTROL, REGULATE, AND LICENSE ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(h) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting wild and domestic Animals, and activities in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(i) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the enforcement of bylaws made under the *Municipal Government Act* or any other enactment including any or all of the matters listed therein;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may regulate or prohibit, and provide for a system of licences, permits or approval including any or all of the matters listed therein;

AND WHEREAS the *Animal Health Act*, the *Animal Protection Act*, the *Bee Act*, the *Dangerous Dogs Act*, the *Service Dogs Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wild Animal and Plant Protection Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act*, govern care, consideration, and treatment of Animals;

AND WHEREAS the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation*, the *Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations*, and the *Wildlife Regulation* further regulate care, consideration, and treatment of Animals;

AND WHEREAS the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* sets forth procedures for dealing with offences related to the previously named Acts and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of High River considers it expedient to promote responsible Animal Ownership and to control, regulate, and License Animals within the Town of High River;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of High River Council, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 – PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote responsible Animal Ownership and to control, regulate, and License Animals within High River.

Short Title

2. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Animal Bylaw”.

Definitions

3. Words used in this Bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, with the following changes or additions. Where no definition is provided in the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Alberta Interpretation Act*, or this Bylaw, Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary shall be used.
 - (a) **“Animal”** means any bird, reptile, amphibian, or mammal excluding humans.
 - (b) **“Animal Services Centre”** means the facility established for the holding, safekeeping, and care of Animals in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - (c) **“Apiculture”** means the keeping and management of Bees.
 - (d) **“Attack”** means an assault by an Animal upon a person or other Animal consisting of more than one Bite, peck, or scratch which results in injury to that person or Animal.
 - (e) **“Bee”** or **“Bees”** means the insect *Apis mellifera L.*
 - (f) **“Beekeeper”** means a person who owns and possesses Bees or Beekeeping equipment or both.

- (g) **“Bite”** means a single application of force by an Animal’s mouth and teeth or beak upon a person or other Animal which results in pain or injury of any nature.
- (h) **“Bylaw”** means Bylaw 4567/2019 also known as the “Animal Bylaw”, which is this Bylaw.
- (i) **“CAO”** means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town or their delegate.
- (j) **“Cat”** means any domesticated Animal of the feline species.
- (k) **“Cemetery”** means land within the Town which is managed and controlled by the Town that is set apart or used as a place for the burial of human remains.
- (l) **“Controlled Confinement”** means the confinement of an Animal in a pen, cage, or other structure having:
 - (i) secure sides and a secure top,
 - (ii) the bottom secured to the sides or the sides embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimetres,
 - (iii) minimum dimensions of 1.5 metres by 3.0 metres, and
 - (iv) a minimum height of 1.5 metres.
- (m) **“Coop”** means a fully enclosed weather proof structure and attached Outdoor Enclosure used for the keeping of Urban Chickens.
- (n) **“Council”** means the governing body of the Town of High River.
- (o) **“Court”** means a Court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta.
- (p) **“Dangerous Dog”** means any Dog of any age, species, or breed, whether on public or private property, that has been declared to be a Dangerous Dog pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw, pursuant to the provisions of a Bylaw of another municipality, or any Dog that has been subject to an order issued by a Justice pursuant to the *Dangerous Dogs Act*. Declaration of a Dog being a Dangerous Dog is validated upon the Owner receiving a notice subject to Sections 55 and 56 ([Hearings and Orders](#)).
- (q) **“Dog”** means any domesticated Animal of the canine species.
- (r) **“Exotic Pet”** means an Animal that is of foreign origin or character; not native; introduced from abroad but not fully naturalized. Exotic Pets are restricted by federal legislation, including the *Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations* and the *Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act*.
- (s) **“Former Owner”** means the person who, at the time of seizure, was the Owner of an Animal which has subsequently been sold or destroyed.
- (t) **“Foster Animal”** means an Animal placed in a person’s custody on a temporary basis by an Animal rescue group or humane society.
- (u) **“Green Space”** means any park space, whether manicured or natural, which is municipally owned and is not a Play Surface or Sport Field, including the paved and unpaved pathway network, formal and informal parks, and community gardens.
- (v) **“Guardian”** means the person responsible for behavioural guidance and Physical Control of an Animal at any time, including:
 - (i) has possession, custody, or care and control of the Animal, either temporarily or permanently,
 - (ii) has actual or apparent possession or control of the property where an Animal resides or is allowed to stay,
 - (iii) who harbours the Animal or allows the Animal to remain on his premises, or
 - (iv) who is the registered Owner of a motor Vehicle in which the Animal is found or is being transported.
- (w) **“Heat”** means a recurring period of sexual receptivity in many female mammals, including Dogs.
- (x) **“Hen”** means a domesticated female chicken.
- (y) **“Hive”** means an enclosed, man-made structure in which Bees live and raise their young.

- (z) **“Justice”** means a Justice of the peace or a judge of the Court, as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- (aa) **“Land Use Bylaw”** means the Land Use Bylaw of the Town of High River.
- (bb) **“Leash”** means a line, strap, or cord that is adequate to control the Animal to which it is attached and that is securely attached to the Animal by a collar or harness.
- (cc) **“License”** means official permission for Animal Ownership within High River municipal boundaries as outlined in this Bylaw, including Bees, Chickens, Dogs, and Dangerous Dogs.
- (dd) **“Livestock”** includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) a horse, mule, ass, swine, emu, ostrich, camel, llama, alpaca, sheep, or goat,
 - (ii) domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk, or bison,
 - (iii) farm bred fur bearing Animals including foxes or mink,
 - (iv) Animals of the bovine species,
 - (v) rabbits raised for meat,
 - (vi) Animals of the avian species intended for human consumption, including chickens (unless they adhere to the requirements set in this Bylaw for Urban Chickens), turkeys, ducks, geese, or pheasants, and
 - (vii) all other Animals or insects that are kept for agricultural purposes (except for Urban Bees as regulated in this Bylaw).
- (ee) **“Microchip”** means a traceable implant injected into an Animal by a licensed veterinarian or Animal health technician.
- (ff) **“Muzzle”** means a humane device of sufficient strength placed over an Animal’s mouth to prevent it from Biting.
- (gg) **“Nuisance Dog”** means a Dog declared to be a Nuisance Dog in accordance with Sections 50 through 52 ([Nuisance Dogs](#)) of this Bylaw.
- (hh) **“Off-Leash Park”** means an area designated by the Town where a Dog or Nuisance Dog is permitted but is not required to be held by a Leash.
- (ii) **“Outdoor Enclosure”** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to and forming part of a Coop, having a bare earth or vegetated floor for Urban Chickens to roam.
- (jj) **“Owner”** includes the responsibilities of a Guardian, and means any person who:
 - (i) has legal title to the Animal, is named on a License for the Animal or can provide proof of Ownership of the Animal,
 - (ii) who claims and receives an Animal from the custody of the Animal Services Centre,
 - (iii) to whom a License tag was issued for an Animal in accordance with this Bylaw, or
 - (iv) a person who operates an Animal adoption program and who has care, charge, custody, possession, or control of an Animal(s).
- (kk) **“Owner’s Property”** means any property in which the Animal Owner has a legal or equitable interest, or which is otherwise under the control or is in the possession of the Animal Owner, and which property shall include land, buildings, and Vehicles.
- (ll) **“Peace Officer”** means a person engaged by the Town as a Community Peace Officer, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, a Designated Officer, or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to carry out the provisions of this Bylaw.
- (mm) **“Physical Control”** means:
 - (i) restrained by a Leash not exceeding three (3) metres in length, which is securely held by a competent and physically capable person, or
 - (ii) kept in a container, an enclosure, or a motor Vehicle.

- (nn) **“Play Surface”** means any park space intended for play, including:
 - (i) a playground; an outdoor area upon which apparatus such as swings, slides, and other children’s play equipment are placed,
 - (ii) outdoor skating rink,
 - (iii) skate or bike park; an outdoor area which is designed and intended specifically for the use of skateboards, in-line skates, bicycles, scooter, or other similar devices,
 - (iv) spray park; an outdoor water park or splash pad, or
 - (v) any similar outdoor play spaces.
- (oo) **“Public Space”** means any municipally owned property or asset, including Green Spaces, Play Surfaces, Sport Fields, roads, and sidewalks.
- (pp) **“Rooster”** means a domesticated male chicken.
- (qq) **“Running at Large”** means any Animal not under Physical Control and not contained within the Owner’s Property or other permitted property.
- (rr) **“School Ground”** means the Green Space adjacent to a school.
- (ss) **“Service Dog”** has the same meaning as stated in the *Service Dogs Act* and includes guide Dogs trained as a guide, as defined in the *Blind Persons’ Act*. Service Dogs help people with specific tasks relating to visible and non-visible disabilities, including epilepsy, PTSD, diabetes, mobility, or other limitations. Handlers of Service Dogs and guide Dogs should carry appropriate identification with them when out in the community or in Public Spaces.
- (tt) **“Severe Injury”** means any physical injury that requires greater medical attention than wound cleaning and basic first aid. This includes wounds requiring sutures or surgery, disfiguring scars or lacerations, broken bones, severe sprains, or similar serious injury.
- (uu) **“Special Event”** means any event subject to the Town’s Public Realm Policy or Special Event permit process.
- (vv) **“Sport Field”** means an outdoor area which is set apart and used for general fitness or the playing of sporting activities, including:
 - (i) running tracks,
 - (ii) sport courts (for example, basketball, tennis, or pickleball courts),
 - (iii) fitness parks, where outdoor fitness equipment has been installed for public use, and
 - (iv) formal and informal sporting field surfaces intended for competitive and recreational sporting activities and use (for example, soccer flats, football fields, and baseball diamonds).
- (ww) **“Town”** means the municipal corporation of the Town of High River.
- (xx) **“Urban Bees”** means one or two Hives of Bees kept for non-commercial, personal purposes, as outlined in this Bylaw.
- (yy) **“Urban Chicken”** means one, two, or three Hens that are at least 16 weeks of age and are kept for non-commercial, personal purposes as outlined in this Bylaw.
- (zz) **“Vehicle”** means a device in, on, or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn on a Highway and includes a combination of Vehicles but does not include a mobility aid, as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*.
- (aaa) **“Violation Ticket”** has the same meaning as in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* and is issued in accordance with that Act.
- (bbb) **“Wildlife”** means big game, birds of prey, fur-bearing Animals, migratory game birds, non-game Animals, non-licence Animals and upland game birds, and includes any hybrid offspring resulting from the crossing of two Wildlife Animals or that belong to the Crown, as defined in the *Wildlife Act*.

Interpretation

- 4. Headings and sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting the substantive content of this Bylaw.

5. The preamble paragraphs that precede the numbered paragraphs of this Bylaw are an integral and necessary part of this Bylaw and not a mere recital.
6. All schedules as attached to this Bylaw form part of this Bylaw.
7. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all provisions and it is the intention of the Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
8. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, other Town Bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or licence.
9. References in this Bylaw to an Act, statute, regulation, or other Bylaw refer to the current laws and legislation, as amended or replaced from time to time, including successor legislation.
10. This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes the other.
11. The word "shall" is mandatory and not merely directory.

PART 2 – PERMITTED ANIMALS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Permitted and Prohibited Animals and Exceptions

12. Subject to the provisions of this Bylaw, Animals which are permitted may be kept within Town boundaries, including:
 - (a) domestic pets, such as Dogs and Cats,
 - (b) caged pets that fall within provincial and federal guidelines; rats are not permitted as pets in Alberta (see the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation*), and
 - (c) specific Livestock, under regulations laid out within this Bylaw:
 - (i) Urban Bees, and
 - (ii) Urban Chickens.
13. Keeping the following Animals is prohibited within Town boundaries:
 - (a) any type of pigeon,
 - (b) Wildlife,
 - (c) Exotic Pets, and
 - (d) Livestock, except as permitted within this Bylaw.
14. Exceptions to Section [13](#) include:
 - (a) facilities where Livestock are temporarily housed for educational, veterinary, scientific, or civic purposes,
 - (b) for permitted Special Events, such as parades or filming, and
 - (c) specific areas as shown in [Schedule F](#), in which case regulations for keeping Animals and Livestock are congruent with the rules, guidelines, and requirements set out by Foothills County, as updated or amended from time to time.

Responsibilities of Owners

15. Animal Owners are responsible for the behaviour of their Animal on private and public property.
16. An Animal Owner shall:
 - (a) provide the necessary care for their Animal, as stated in the *Animal Protection Act*, including:
 - (i) ensure that the Animal receives food, water, and maintain the Animal in good health,
 - (ii) provide appropriate shelter for the temperature and weather conditions, and
 - (iii) provide the Animal with adequate care when the Animal is wounded or ill; and also
 - (b) not crate or kennel an Animal without ensuring the health and welfare of the Animal by at least;

- (i) providing adequate sustenance for the temperature and time period in which the Animal will be in the crate or kennel,
- (ii) providing adequate ventilation for the temperature and time period in which the animal will be in the crate or kennel, and
- (iii) providing adequate space that the Animal may stand up and turn around while in the crate or kennel.

General Licensing Requirements

17. The Owner of an Animal or Animals shall [obtain a License for their Animal\(s\)](#) as specified in this Bylaw, unless provided an exception under Section [14](#) or Section [18](#).
18. Licenses are required for:
- (a) Dangerous Dogs,
- in all areas of High River, and
- (b) Dogs,
 - (c) Urban Bees, and
 - (d) Urban Chickens
- except for specific properties, as outlined in [Schedule F](#).
19. When applying for a License under this Bylaw, the Owner of the Animal must provide:
- (a) a description of the Animal(s) including breed, name, gender, age, and physical description,
 - (b) the correct name, address, and contact telephone number of the Owner,
 - (c) where the Owner is a corporate body, the name, address, and telephone number of the natural person responsible for the Animal,
 - (d) if applicable, information establishing that the Dog is Neutered, Spayed, or Intact,
 - (e) if applicable, information of a previous decision establishing the Dog as a Nuisance,
 - (f) if applicable, information of a Justice declaring the Dog to be Dangerous,
 - (g) any other information a Peace Officer may require, and
 - (h) the applicable annual License fee for each Animal or group of Animals, as set out in the current Town of High River Rate Bylaw.
20. [No person shall give false information when applying for a License pursuant to this Bylaw.](#)
21. The holder of an Animal License must:
- (a) be at least eighteen (18) years of age,
 - (b) renew the License annually, and
 - (c) pay the fee for a License prior to receiving the License.
22. Animal License holders understand that:
- (a) a License issued pursuant to this Bylaw is not transferrable to another Owner(s) or Animal(s),
 - (b) a License issued under this Bylaw is non-refundable,
 - (c) a License purchased by an uncertified cheque is subject to a non-sufficient funds (NSF) cheque fee, as stated in the current Town of High River Rate Bylaw and a License purchased with an NSF cheque will be void or revoked,
 - (d) a License can be suspended or revoked, without refund or compensation, at any time if the Peace Officer determines that there is non-compliance with this Bylaw or the applicable License or License application,
 - (e) an Owner with a revoked License can reapply for a new License but must show compliance with all requirements and pay all applicable fees, and
 - (f) an Owner is required to notify the municipal office immediately of any change of any information provided in an application for a License under this Bylaw.

Appeals

23. Any Owner who has been informed that:

- (a) any Licence issued under this Bylaw has been revoked or cancelled, or
- (b) the Dog has been determined to be a Nuisance Dog

may appeal the determination to the Peace Officer, in writing, within fourteen (14) days of being notified that the Licence has been revoked or cancelled, or that the Dog has been determined to be a Nuisance Dog.

24. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a notice of appeal by an Owner pursuant to Section 23, the Peace Officer shall review the revocation or declaration and receive such information as in the opinion of the Peace Officer, is relevant and determine whether there are just and reasonable grounds to revoke or cancel a Licence or confirm or revoke the Nuisance Dog declaration and the decision of the Peace Officer shall be final.

PART 3 – RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

Dog Licensing

25. In addition to Sections 17 through 22 ([General Licensing Requirements](#)), Dog Owners are also required to follow specific regulations.

26. An Owner of a Dog must obtain a License for the Dog on the first day the municipal office is open:

- (a) after becoming Owner of the Dog, or
- (b) once the Dog is three months old.

27. A Dog that is temporarily visiting or is a Foster Dog through an Animal rescue foundation or shelter does not require a License.

28. Upon losing a Dog License tag, an Owner must purchase a replacement License tag for the Dog.

29. Service Dog Licensing Requirements

- (a) Service Dogs must be Licensed in accordance with this Bylaw, however Licensing fees for Service Dogs shall be waived.

30. Dangerous Dog Licensing Requirements

- (a) If a Dog has been declared a Dangerous Dog, it shall be identified as such for the remainder of its life, and the following additional requirements will apply to that Dog in perpetuity.
 - (i) No person shall own or keep any Dangerous Dog within the Town [unless the Dangerous Dog is Licensed](#) as provided in this Bylaw. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog is subject to Sections 17 through 22 ([General Licensing Requirements](#)) of this Bylaw.
 - (ii) The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must obtain an annual License for the Dangerous Dog on the first day on which the Town office is open for business after the Dog has been declared Dangerous or has moved to the Town.
 - (iii) No person shall [provide false information when applying for a Dangerous Dog License](#).
 - (iv) Prior to a License tag being issued, the Owner of a Dangerous Dog must, within ten (10) days after the Dog has been declared Dangerous:
 - (1) have a licensed veterinarian tattoo or implant an electronic identification Microchip in or on the Dangerous Dog [identifying the Dog with an identifier that is unique to the Dog](#),
 - (2) [provide the information contained on the tattoo or in the Microchip to a Peace Officer](#), and
 - (3) if the Dangerous Dog is not spayed or neutered, [have the Dog spayed or neutered](#).

- (b) Once a Dog has been declared a Dangerous Dog, the Owner is required to purchase a Dangerous Dog License for the Dog every year for the rest of that Dog's life.
- (c) The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must:
 - (i) ensure such Dangerous Dog wear its License when off the property of the Owner,
 - (ii) immediately notify a Peace Officer, employed by the Town, should the Dangerous Dog be sold, gifted, or transferred to another person or die, and
 - (iii) remain liable for the actions of the Dangerous Dog until formal notification of the sale, gift, or transfer is given to a Peace Officer.

Dogs: Appropriate Behaviour

- 31. Whether on the Owner's Property or not, Dog Owners are responsible to ensure they and their Dog(s) comply with the expectations and requirements for public behaviour as stated in this Bylaw.
- 32. The Owner, Guardian, or any other person having care or control of a Dog or Nuisance Dog when it is off the property of the Owner must always:
 - (a) ensure the Dog is wearing its License tag, and
 - (b) keep the Dog under control.
- 33. The Owner of a Dog or Nuisance Dog may walk their Dog in a Green Space (unless specifically prohibited), on a pathway, or on a municipal sidewalk, provided:
 - (a) the Dog is secured by a Leash, unless they are in an Off-Leash area, subject to Sections 43 and 44 (Off-Leash Areas) and always remains under the Owner's control,
 - (b) the Leash length is reduced to 2 metres or less when encountering any pathway or sidewalk users, including other Dogs on Leash,
 - (c) the Owner is conscientious of others on the pathway or sidewalk, moves their Dog out of the way of others as needed, and do not interfere with or obstruct any others using the pathway or sidewalk.
- 34. The Owner of a Dog may allow the Dog to swim in the Highwood River, which runs through or adjacent to Green Spaces, unless specifically prohibited.

Dogs and Animals: Prohibited Behaviour

- 35. The Owner of a Dog must ensure that the Dog is not Running at Large. A Peace Officer may seize and impound any Dog Running at Large.
- 36. The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Dangerous Dog must ensure that the Dog does not enter or remain in or on areas where Dogs are prohibited, including areas with signs prohibiting Dogs, School Grounds, Play Surfaces, Sport Fields, Golf Courses, Cemeteries, or storm water retention ponds to wade, swim, or stand on the ice.
- 37. The Owner of a Dog must not allow a Dog to run along side a moving Vehicle, whether that Dog is on a Leash or not.
- 38. The Owner of a Dog must ensure that the Dog does not excessively bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause excessive noise(s) which disturbs any person and unreasonably interferes with that person's peaceful enjoyment of their property, which may be determined by a Peace Officer or by a Court hearing a prosecution pursuant to this Section of the Bylaw.
- 39. The Owner of an Animal shall ensure the Animal does not overturn any waste containers or scatter garbage on any property that does not belong to the Animal Owner.
- 40. If an Animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall remove the feces immediately and dispose of them in a waste container.
- 41. If an Animal is on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall have in their possession a suitable means to remove the Animal's feces.
- 42. The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that feces left by the Animal on the Owner's Property does not accumulate to such an extent that it interferes with other property owners' reasonable enjoyment of their property due to excessive odor and/or unsightliness.

Off-Leash Areas

43. The Dog Owner is not required to have the Dog on a Leash in an Off-Leash Park or portion of a Green Space which has been designated as an Off-Leash Park.
- (a) The Dog Owner in an Off-Leash Park must ensure that the Dog is always under control.
 - (b) A Dog Owner shall carry an appropriate Leash on their person while at the Off-Leash Park.
 - (c) An Owner who fails to immediately restrain and remove a Dog that is not under control or is engaged in threatening behaviour, as defined in Sections 48 and 49 (Threatening Behaviour) at that time, by restraining the Dog on a Leash and removing the Dog from the Off-Leash Park, has contravened this Bylaw and committed an offence.
 - (d) No person shall allow any Animal other than a Dog to enter into or remain in an Off-Leash Park.
44. A Dog is not permitted to be in an Off-Leash Park if that Dog:
- (a) is in Heat,
 - (b) is suffering from a communicable disease, or
 - (c) has been determined to be a Dangerous Dog.

Communicable Diseases

45. The Owner of an Animal which is suffering from a communicable disease must:
- (a) immediately report the matter to the office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian (Alberta Animal Health and Assurance Branch) and the Peace Officer,
 - (b) not permit the Animal to be in any Public Space,
 - (c) not keep the Animal in contact with or in proximity to any other Animal, and
 - (d) keep the Animal locked or tied up.

Unattended Animals

46. The Owner of an Animal must ensure that the Animal is not left unattended while tethered or tied on premises where the public has access, whether the access is expressed or implied, in a manner that allows the Animal to interfere with the free movement of people accessing the premises.
47. The Owner of an Animal left unattended or in a Vehicle must ensure:
- (a) the Animal is restrained in a manner that prevents contact between the Animal and any member of the public, and
 - (b) the Animal has suitable ventilation and is not subjected to injurious heat or cold conditions when left unattended.

PART 4 – THREATENING BEHAVIOUR AND NUISANCE DOGS

Threatening Behaviours

48. Whether on the property of the Owner or not, the Owner of a Dog must ensure that the Dog does not:
- (a) bark at or chase other Animals in a threatening manner,
 - (b) bark at or chase bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or any other type of recreational or fitness-related wheeled device,
 - (c) bark at or chase any motorized Vehicle or mobility aide,
 - (d) growl, lunge, snarl, chase, or otherwise threaten a person,
 - (e) Bite or cause damage to property,
 - (f) Bite or cause injury to an Animal,
 - (g) Bite any person,
 - (h) Attack or injure any person,

- (i) [cause Severe Injury to an Animal](#),
 - (j) [cause Severe Injury to a person](#), or
 - (k) [cause death to an Animal](#).
49. An Owner must not [use or direct a Dog to Attack, chase, harass, or threaten](#) any person or Animal.

Nuisance Dogs

50. The Peace Officer may declare a Dog to be a Nuisance Dog. In declaring a Dog to be a Nuisance Dog, the Peace Officer shall have regard to Sections 35 through 42 ([Prohibited Behaviour](#)) and Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviour](#)) of this Bylaw and any other matter which in the opinion of the Peace Officer is relevant including whether the Dog's behaviour or actions have resulted in contraventions of this Bylaw more than once.
51. The Peace Officer may apply such conditions on the Owner and Dog as deemed appropriate to eliminate the Nuisance. The Owner of a Nuisance Dog must [comply with all conditions set out in a Nuisance Dog declaration](#) made by the Peace Officer as stated in this Section.
52. The declaration of a Dog as a Nuisance Dog must be reviewed annually by the Peace Officer, taking into account Sections 35 through 42 ([Prohibited Behaviour](#)) and Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviour](#)) and the declaration may be continued, with or without conditions, or revoked.

Aggression Scale Classification

53. A Peace Officer investigating a complaint involving the threatening behaviour of a Dog will classify the behaviour by means of reference to the Dr. Ian Dunbar's Aggression Scale, which is set out in [Schedule C](#) of this Bylaw.

PART 5 – DANGEROUS DOGS

54. In addition to the *Dangerous Dogs Act*, the following Sections apply to Dangerous Dogs living in High River.

Hearings and Orders

55. The Peace Officer may order the Owner of a Dog alleged to be a Dangerous Dog to surrender the Dog to a Peace Officer and the Dog will be taken and held in an Animal Services Centre for the purposes of completing a behavioural assessment, at the Owner's cost, pending the outcome of the hearing and any appeals. The Owner of an alleged Dangerous Dog must [comply with a surrender order](#) made by the Peace Officer.
56. The Peace Officer may allow the Owner to keep possession of a Dog alleged to be a Dangerous Dog pending the outcome and disposition of the hearing in provincial Court and any related appeals, by issuing interim contain and control conditions, which in the opinion of the Peace Officer, ensures the safety of the public. The Owner of an alleged Dangerous Dog must [comply with any interim contain and control conditions](#) prescribed by the Peace Officer, subject to Sections 64 through 66 ([Notice to Contain and Control](#)) of the Bylaw.

Dangerous Dog Regulations

57. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must, within ten (10) days of the date of the order declaring the Animal to be Dangerous, [display a sign on their premises warning of the presence of the Dangerous Dog](#) in the form illustrated in [Schedule D](#).
- (a) The sign must be placed at each entrance to the premises where the Dangerous Dog is kept and on the pen or other structure in which the Dangerous Dog is confined.
 - (b) The sign must be posted to be clearly visible and capable of being seen by any person accessing the premises.
 - (c) [This sign must not be altered, removed, or tampered with](#) in any way.
58. [The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must ensure](#) that when such Dangerous Dog is on the property of the Owner such Dangerous Dog is:
- (a) confined indoors and under the control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older; or
 - (b) when such Dangerous Dog is outdoors, it is:

- (i) in a locked pen or other structure, constructed pursuant to Section 3(l) ([Controlled Confinement](#)) in order to prevent the escape of the Dangerous Dog, and capable of preventing the entry of any person not in control of the Dangerous Dog; or
 - (ii) securely Muzzled, and under the control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older by means of a Leash not exceeding one (1) meter in length.
59. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must ensure that [the locked pen or other structure](#):
- (a) must provide Controlled Confinement,
 - (b) must provide the Dangerous Dog with shelter from the elements, and
 - (c) must not be within one (1) metre of the property line or within five (5) metres of a neighbouring dwelling unit, in accordance with the Town's Land Use Bylaw.
60. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog may walk their Dog in a Green Space (unless specifically prohibited), on a pathway, or on a municipal sidewalk, however they must ensure that at all times, when off the property of the Owner, such Dangerous Dog is securely:
- (a) [Muzzled](#); and
 - (b) [harnessed or Leashed](#) on a lead which must not exceed one (1) meter in length; and
 - (c) [under the control of a person eighteen \(18\) years of age or older](#).
61. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must [ensure that such Dangerous Dog is not Running at Large](#).
62. If a Dangerous Dog is Running at Large, the Owner of that Dangerous Dog must [immediately notify a Peace Officer](#).
63. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must ensure that such Dangerous Dog does not:
- (a) [damage or destroy public or private property](#),
 - (b) [engage in any prohibited behaviours](#) in Sections 35 through 42 ([Prohibited Behaviour](#)), and
 - (c) [engage in any threatening behaviours](#) prohibited by Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviours](#)) of this Bylaw.

PART 6 – ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS

Notice to Contain and Control

64. The Peace Officer may allow an Owner to keep possession of a Dog alleged to have been engaged in any threatening behaviour as set out in Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviours](#)) of this Bylaw by serving a notice with contain and control conditions which, in the opinion of the Peace Officer, ensures the safety of the public.
65. The contain and control conditions must be reviewed annually by the Peace Officer, considering any further contraventions of this Bylaw and may be continued, revised, or revoked.
66. The Owner of a Dog shall [comply with all contain and control conditions](#) set out in a notice issued by the Peace Officer pursuant to this Section.

Seizure

67. A Peace Officer may seize, retain, and take to an Animal Services Centre any Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Dangerous Dog:
- (a) which is found Running at Large,
 - (b) which is alleged to have engaged in any threatening behaviours set out in Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviours](#)) of this Bylaw,
 - (c) pending the outcome of a behavioural assessment or application to declare the Dog to be a Dangerous Dog or to destroy the Dog,
 - (d) which is alleged to have contravened a provision of a contain and control notice or an interim contain and control notice, or
 - (e) which is required to be impounded pursuant to the provisions of any Statute of Canada or of the Province of Alberta, or by any regulation made thereunder.

68. A Peace Officer may enter into a property surrounding any building, whether or not the property is enclosed by a fence or other such enclosure, and seize any Dog which has been observed Running at Large and is alleged to have been exhibiting threatening behaviour as set out in Sections 48 and 49 ([Threatening Behaviours](#)) of this Bylaw and take the reasonable measures necessary to subdue any such Dog, including the use of tranquilizer equipment and other capture devices, and take the Dog to an Animal Services Centre.

Obstruction and Interference

69. No person, whether or not that person is the Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Dangerous Dog, which is being pursued or has been pursued or seized by a Peace Officer shall:
- (a) [interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer](#) conducting an investigation or who is attempting to seize or who has seized a Dog which is subject to seizure,
 - (b) [attempt to release a Dog\(s\) that has been captured for impoundment](#),
 - (c) [open any Vehicle in which a seized Dog has been placed](#), or
 - (d) [remove or attempt to remove any Dog which has been seized](#) from the Animal Services Centre and/or the possession of a Peace Officer.
70. No person shall:
- (a) [untie, loosen, or otherwise free a Dog which has been tied or otherwise restrained](#),
 - (b) [negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which a Dog has been confined and thereby allow the Dog to Run at Large](#),
 - (c) [entice a Dog to Run at Large](#),
 - (d) [tease an Animal caught or confined in an enclosed space](#),
 - (e) [throw or poke any object into an enclosed space when an Animal is caught or confined therein](#), or
 - (f) [provide false information to a Peace Officer](#).
71. Section [70](#) shall not apply to a Peace Officer who is attempting to seize or who has seized a Dog which is subject to seizure pursuant to this Bylaw.

Notifications

72. If a Peace Officer knows or can ascertain the name of the Owner of any seized Animal, they shall serve the Owner with a copy of the notice in [Schedule E](#) of this Bylaw, either personally or by leaving it with any adult person at, or by mailing it to or by leaving it at, the last known address of the Owner.
73. An Owner of an Animal to whom a notice is mailed pursuant to Section [72](#) is deemed to have received that notice within seven (7) days from the date it is mailed. A notice served personally on the Owner or any adult person at the last known address of the Owner shall be deemed to be served on the day of service.

Reclaiming Seized Animals

74. Subject to the provisions of Sections 72 and 73 ([Notifications](#)), the Owner of any seized Animal, Nuisance Dog, or Dangerous Dog may reclaim the Animal by:
- (a) providing proof of Ownership of the Animal prior to release, and this proof of Ownership must be to the satisfaction of the Peace Officer,
 - (b) paying to the Town any costs of behavioural assessments, impoundment, any care, subsistence, or veterinary charges incurred as set out in [Schedule B](#) of this Bylaw,
 - (c) where a License is required under this Bylaw, obtaining the License for the Animal or Dangerous Dog, or
 - (d) complying with any and all provisions which may be imposed in accordance with this Bylaw.

Inspections

75. Subject to the entry notice provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Peace Officer of the Town, who has been appointed as a Designated Officer, may enter a premises to conduct an inspection in order to determine whether or not this Bylaw or an order issued pursuant to this Bylaw is being complied with and, where it is determined that this Bylaw or an order has been

contravened, may seize and remove from the premises an Animal and take that Animal to an Animal Services Centre.

PART 7 – RESPONSIBLE URBAN BEE OR URBAN CHICKEN OWNERSHIP

Urban Bee or Urban Chicken Licensing

76. In addition to Sections 17 through 22 ([General Licensing Requirements](#)), Owners of Urban Bee and Urban Chicken Owners are also required to follow specific regulations.

Urban Bee and Urban Chicken Licensing Requirements

77. Urban Beekeepers and Urban Chicken Owners must apply annually for a Town of High River License, as outlined in this Bylaw. No person shall own or keep Urban Bees or Urban Chickens of any kind on any premises within the Town boundaries unless the Urban Bees or Urban Chickens are Licensed as provided in this Bylaw, unless an exception applies to the Ownership of Urban Bees or Urban Chickens, as identified in Section [14](#) or Section [18](#).

78. An Owner of Urban Bees or Urban Chickens can apply for the associated License at any time of the year prior to acquiring the Bees or Chickens. Urban Bee and Urban Chicken License applications are available on the Town's website or at the Town office. Complete Urban Bee and Urban Chicken License applications should be submitted to the Town's Development Officer at the Town of High River municipal building.

Urban Bee Licensing

(a) In addition to Sections 17 through 22 ([General Licensing Requirements](#)) and Sections 77 and 78 ([Urban Bee and Urban Chicken Licensing Requirements](#)), each Urban Beekeeper must complete a Beekeeping course from an accepted organization or association to be approved for a License.

Urban Chicken Licensing

(a) In addition to Sections 17 through 22 ([General Licensing Requirements](#)) and Sections 77 and 78 ([Urban Bee and Urban Chicken Licensing Requirements](#)), each Urban Chicken Owner must take Urban Chicken husbandry training or equivalent, which is designed to provide adequate information regarding the successful keeping of Chickens in an urban area to be approved for a Licence.

Responsibilities of Urban Beekeepers

81. Beekeepers must comply with the *Bee Act*, *Animal Health Act*, and any other applicable standards adopted by the Province of Alberta.

82. Any person wanting to keep an apicultural operation must annually register with Alberta Agriculture, through the Provincial Apiculturist for Alberta. Unregistered Owners are subject to fines or imprisonment under the *Bee Act*.

83. Any person wanting to keep an apicultural operation must obtain a Premises Identification (PID) under the *Premises Identification Regulation* in the *Animal Health Act*.

84. Beekeepers or persons on whose property Bees are kept have the duty to take reasonable measures to ensure that:

- (a) as part of the application process, all immediately adjacent neighbours must be notified by the applicant that Bee Hive(s) will be present,
- (b) the apicultural operation does not pose a safety risk to persons on adjacent public or private property,
- (c) the potential for damage to buildings and/or property located on adjacent public or private property as a result of the apicultural operation is minimized, and
- (d) any person who keeps bees has the duty to ensure the maintenance of the Bees in such a condition as will reasonably prevent aggressive behaviour or swarming by the Bees.

85. Beekeeping and Hive requirements for the purposes of this Bylaw are for personal use only, unless provided an exception through Section [14](#) or Section [18](#).

86. The maximum number of Hives per License is two (2).

Hive Requirements:

(a) Only *Apis mellifera* L, also known as honeybees, are allowed to be kept.

- (b) There can be no more than two (2) Hives per property.
- (c) Hives are restricted to rear yards with reasonable protection from access by Animals and children.
- (d) Hives are to be located a minimum of 2.4 metres above ground or within yards enclosed by a 1.8-metre-high hedge or solid fence.
- (e) Hive entrances are to be directed away from neighbouring properties.

Responsibilities of Urban Chicken Owners

- 88. Urban Chicken Owners must comply with the *Alberta Animal Health Act* and any other applicable standards adopted by the Province of Alberta.
- 89. Any person wanting to keep Urban Chickens must obtain a Premises Identification (PID) under the *Premises Identification Regulation* in the *Alberta Animal Health Act*.
- 90. The keeping of Urban Chickens for the purposes of this Bylaw are for personal use only, unless provided an exception through Section [14](#).
- 91. No more than three (3) Hens can be kept on a single property. Only Hens will be allowed to be kept. Roosters are not allowed to be kept.
- 92. Each Hen must be provided with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the Hen in good health.
- 93. Hens will be disposed of by delivery to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of Hens.
- 94. Urban Chicken Owners on whose property Hens are kept have a duty to take reasonable measures to ensure that:
 - (a) the Coop and Hens kept in the Coop do not pose a safety risk to persons on adjacent public or private property,
 - (b) the potential for damage to building and/or property located on adjacent public or private property as a result of the keeping of Urban Chickens is minimized, and
 - (c) are required to follow procedures outlined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential disease outbreak.
- 95. Coop requirements:
 - (a) Coops are restricted to rear yards with reasonable protection from access to other Animals or children and each Coop must provide each Hen with at least 0.37 m² of interior floor area, and at least 0.92 m² of Outdoor Enclosure, within the Coop.
 - (b) Provide and maintain, in the Coop, at least one nest box per Coop and one perch per Hen that is at least 15 cm long.
 - (c) Always keep the Hen(s) in the Coop.
 - (d) Maintain the Coop in good repair, sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances.
 - (e) Construct and maintain the Coop to prevent any rodent or other Animal from harbouring underneath, within it, or within its walls.
- 96. Section [95](#) of the Bylaw only applies to Coops located within the Town and those Coops are in compliance with the Town Land Use Bylaw. Section [95](#) does not apply to residents who have been provided an exception under Section [14](#).

PART 8 – ENFORCEMENT

Authority of a Peace Officer

- 97. A Peace Officer may:
 - (a) receive Animals into protective care at an Animal Services Centre arising from an emergency due to fire, flood, or other reasons;
 - (b) retain Animals temporarily at an Animal Services Centre;

- (c) charge the Owner fees, costs of behavioural assessments, impoundment, any care, subsistence, or veterinary charges incurred as set out in [Schedule B](#) of this Bylaw;
 - (d) at the end of the protective care period, if no other arrangements are made between the Owner and the Peace Officer or the Owner cannot be ascertained, treat such Animals as seized Animals; or
 - (e) offer for sale, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of all unclaimed Animals which have been seized or deemed to be seized.
98. The Peace Officer shall not sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of a seized Animal until the Animal is retained in the Animal Services Centre for:
- (a) seven (7) days after the Owner has received notice or is deemed by Sections 72 and 73 ([Notifications](#)) to have received notice that the Animal has been seized; or
 - (b) seventy-two (72) hours, if the name and address of the Owner is not known.
99. The Peace Officer may retain a seized Animal for a longer period if in their opinion, the circumstances warrant the expense or there are reasonable grounds to believe that the seized Animal is a continued danger to a person, Animal, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets or property.
100. The Peace Officer may, before selling an unclaimed seized Animal, require that the Animal be spayed or neutered.
101. Any veterinarian, being properly and fully qualified as required by the Province of Alberta, may destroy any Animal delivered to the veterinarian after injury to the Animal, providing the injury is determined by the veterinarian to be of such serious nature, based upon their professional opinion, that the Animal must be destroyed immediately and such costs of destruction may be billed to the municipality and the municipality is at liberty to take all steps considered necessary to recover such costs from the Owner of the Animal.
102. When the Peace Officer decides to euthanize a seized Animal pursuant to this Bylaw, the Owner shall pay the fees, as set out in [Schedule B](#) of this Bylaw.

Full Right and Title

103. Pursuant to this Bylaw, the purchaser of a seized Animal shall obtain full right and title to the Animal and the right and title of the Former Owner of the Animal shall cease thereupon.

General Penalty Provisions

104. The Owner of an Animal is involved in a contravention of this Bylaw by:
- (a) doing any act or thing which the person is prohibited from doing; or
 - (b) failing to do any act or thing the person is required to do,
- has contravened this Bylaw and committed an offence.
105. Any person who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and in default of payment of any fine imposed, to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year.

Violation Tickets and Penalties

106. Where a Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, that Peace Officer may commence proceedings by issuing a Violation Ticket.
107. In respect of any contravention of a provision of this Bylaw, penalties shall be in accordance with [Schedule A](#).

Continuing Offences

108. In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which the offence continues.

Mandatory Court or Information

109. No provision of this Bylaw shall prevent any Peace Officer from issuing a Violation Ticket requiring the Court appearance of the defendant, pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, or from laying an information instead of issuing a Violation Ticket.

Liability for Fees

110. The levying and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any period provided in this Bylaw shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs from which he is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.

Responsibilities of the Municipality

111. A copy of a record of the municipality, certified by the person duly appointed as the Designated Officer for the same as a true copy of the original, shall be admitted in evidence as prima facie proof of the facts stated in the record without proof of the appointment or signature of the person signing it.

112. No action for damages shall be taken against the municipality or any person acting under the authority of this Bylaw in respect of the destruction, sale, or other disposal of any Animal seized pursuant to this Bylaw.

113. It is the intention of the Council of the municipality that all offences created pursuant to this Bylaw be construed and considered as being Strict Liability Offences.

PART 9 - GENERAL

Effective Date

114. This Bylaw comes into effect when it is passed by the Council.

Repeals

115. The following Bylaws and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

- (a) Bylaw 4470/2016, being the Urban Chickens Bylaw is hereby repealed.
- (b) Bylaw 4471/2016, being the Urban Bees Bylaw is hereby repealed.
- (c) Bylaw 4482/2016, being a Bylaw setting forth licence fees for Urban Chickens and Urban Bees, is hereby repealed.
- (d) Bylaw 4247/2009, being the Animal Control Bylaw, along with amending Bylaws 4309/2011, 4483/2016, 4539/2018, 4571/2019 are hereby repealed.
- (e) Bylaws 3821/95, 3815/95, 3784/95, 3760/93, 3691/91, 3672/90, 3552/86, 3538/85 and 884, all being amendments to old Animal Bylaws, are also hereby repealed.

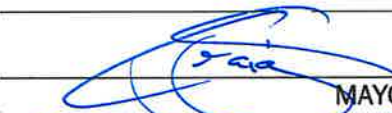
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 MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR


 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


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 MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR




 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 24th DAY OF February , 2020

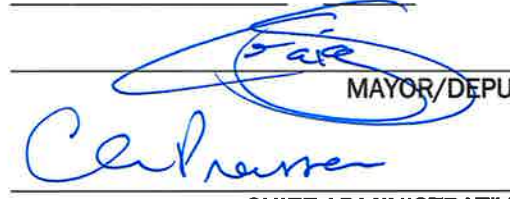



 MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR


 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SIGNED AND PASSED THIS 24th DAY OF February, 2020


MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

BYLAW 4567/2019 ANIMAL BYLAW

SCHEDULE "A" – PENALTIES

Penalties shall be as specified in Schedule "A" for the first offence. Penalties for a second offence in one twelve-month period shall be double the specified penalty. Penalties for third and subsequent offences in one twelve-month period shall be triple the specified penalty.

Section	Description of Offence	Minimum Penalty	Specified Penalty
PART 2 – PERMITTED ANIMALS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS			
13	Keeping prohibited Animals	\$250	\$500
16	Provide the necessary care for their Animal	\$200	\$400
17	Own Animals without a License	\$150	\$250
20	Provide false information when applying for a License	\$250	\$500
PART 3 – RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP			
Licensing Penalties			
30(a)(i)	Dangerous Dog not Licensed	\$1000	\$1500
30(a)(iii)	Provide false information on a Dangerous Dog License application	\$500	\$650
30(a)(iv)(1)	Dangerous Dog not tattooed or Microchipped	\$500	\$650
30(a)(iv)(2)	Fail to provide Dangerous Dog tattoo or Microchip information to Peace Officer	\$500	\$650
30(a)(iv)(3)	Dangerous Dog not spayed or neutered	\$500	\$650
30(c)(i)	Dangerous Dog not wearing Dog License when off Owner's Property	\$500	\$650
30(c)(ii)	Fail to notify Peace Officer of sale, gift, transfer, or death of Dangerous Dog	\$500	\$650
Prohibited Behaviour			
32(a)	Fail to ensure Dog wears License tag when off the Owner's Property	\$100	\$150
32(b)	Fail to control the Dog when off the Owner's Property	\$150	\$200
33(a)	Dog not on a Leash and under control	\$150	\$200
35	Dog Running at Large	\$250	\$300
36	Dog in prohibited area	\$150	\$200
37	Owner allow Dog to run alongside Vehicles	\$100	\$200
38	Animal make or cause excessive noise	\$250	\$300
39	Animal overturn waste receptacle or scatter garbage	\$150	\$200
40	Failure to remove Animal feces from Public Spaces	\$200	\$300
41	No suitable means to remove feces	\$100	\$150
42	Excessive accumulation of feces on Animal Owner's Property	\$300	\$500
43(a)	Dog not under control in Off-Leash Park	\$100	\$200
43(b)	Failure to carry a Leash at Off-Leash Park	\$100	\$200
43(c)	Failure to restrain or remove Dog from Off-Leash Park	\$200	\$350
43(d)	Allow Animal other than Dog in Off-Leash Park	\$200	\$250
44	Prohibited Dog in Off-Leash Park	\$1000	\$1500
45	Fail to report or confine Animal with communicable disease	\$250	\$500
46	Animal unattended on publicly accessible property	\$200	\$250
47(a)	Animal unsupervised in a Vehicle that does not prevent contact with the public	\$200	\$250
47(b)	Animal unsupervised in a Vehicle without suitable ventilation	\$300	\$500
PART 4 – THREATENING BEHAVIOUR AND NUISANCE DOGS			
48(a)	Bark at or chase Animals in threatening manner	\$200	\$300
48(b)	Bark at or chase bicycle, wheeled recreation, or fitness device	\$200	\$300
48(c)	Bark at or chase motorized Vehicle or mobility aid	\$200	\$300
48(d)	Growl, lunge, snarl, chase, or otherwise threaten a person	\$300	\$400
48(e)	Bite or cause damage to property	\$200	\$300
48(f)	Bite or cause injury to an Animal	\$400	\$500
48(g)	Bite a person	\$600	\$700
48(h)	Attack a person	\$1000	\$1500
48(i)	Cause Severe Injury to an Animal	\$500	\$800
48(j)	Cause Severe Injury to a Person	\$1500	\$2000
48(k)	Cause death to an Animal	\$900	\$1200
49	Owner direct Animal to Attack, chase, harass, or threaten any Animal or person.	\$500	\$800
51	Fail to comply with a Nuisance Dog declaration	\$400	\$650

PART 5 - DANGEROUS DOGS			
55	Fail to comply with surrender order	\$1000	\$1500
56	Fail to comply with interim contain and control conditions	\$1000	\$1500
57	Fail to display Dangerous Dog sign as required	\$1000	\$1500
57(c)	Alter, remove, or tamper with a Dangerous Dogs sign	\$1000	\$1500
58	Dangerous Dog not properly confined	\$1000	\$1500
59	Improper locked pen or other structure for Dangerous Dog	\$1000	\$1500
60(a)	Fail to keep Dangerous Dog Muzzled when off the Owner's Property	\$1000	\$1500
60(b)	Fail to keep Dangerous Dog harnessed or Leashed properly when off the Owner's Property	\$1000	\$1500
60(c)	Dangerous Dog not under control of person at least 18 years old when off the Owner's Property	\$1000	\$1500
61	Dangerous Dog Running at Large	\$1000	\$1500
62	Fail to notify a Peace Officer of a Dangerous Dog Running at Large	\$600	\$800
63(a)	Dangerous Dog destroy public or private property	\$1000	\$1500
63(b)	Dangerous Dog engage in Prohibited Behaviour	\$1000	\$1500
63(c)	Dangerous Dog engage in Threatening Behaviour	\$2000	\$3000
PART 6 - ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS			
66	Fail to comply with contain and control conditions	\$1000	\$1500
69(a)	Interfere with or attempt to obstruct Peace Officer	\$800	\$1000
69(b)	Attempt to release a seized Dog	\$650	\$800
69(c)	Open Vehicle containing seized Animal	\$250	\$500
69(d)	Remove or attempt to remove a seized Dog from the Animal Services Centre	\$250	\$500
70(a)	Free an Animal that has been restrained	\$250	\$500
70(b)	Negligently or willfully open confinement to allow a Dog to Run at Large	\$250	\$500
70(c)	Entice a Dog to Run at Large	\$250	\$500
70(d)	Tease a confined Animal	\$250	\$500
70(e)	Throw or poke an object at an Animal into an enclosed space	\$250	\$500
70(f)	Provide false information to a Peace Officer	\$800	\$1000

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SCHEDULE "B" - FEES

Description	Fee
License and replacement of tags fees	As set out in the current Town Rate Bylaw
First impoundment - per Animal	\$80
Second impoundment - per Animal (within 12 months)	\$100
Third impoundment - per Animal (within 12 months)	\$150
Fourth and subsequent impoundment - per Animal (within 12 months)	\$250
Care and subsistence each full day of impoundment (not including intake or release day)	Market daily rate as set by Animal Services Centre
Veterinary services	Amount expended
Euthanize or destroy Animal	Amount expended
Behavioural assessment	Amount expended

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SCHEDULE "C" – DR. IAN DUNBAR'S DOG BITE SCALE

- Level 1** Obnoxious or aggressive behavior but no skin-contact by teeth.
- Level 2** Skin-contact by teeth but no skin-puncture. However, may be skin nicks (less than one tenth of an inch deep) and slight bleeding caused by forward or lateral movement of teeth against skin, but no vertical punctures.
- Level 3** One to four punctures from a single Bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the Dog's canine teeth. Maybe lacerations in a single direction, caused by victim pulling hand away, Owner pulling Dog away, or gravity (little Dog jumps, Bites and drops to floor).
- Level 4** One to four punctures from a single Bite with at least one puncture deeper than half the length of the Dog's canine teeth. May also have deep bruising around the wound (dog held on for N seconds and bore down) or lacerations in both directions (Dog held on and shook its head from side to side).
- Level 5** Multiple-Bite incident with at least two Level 4 Bites or multiple-Attack incident with at least one Level 4 Bite in each.
- Level 6** Victim dead.

Source: <https://apdt.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ian-dunbar-dog-bite-scale.pdf>

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SCHEDULE "D" - DANGEROUS DOG SIGN



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SCHEDULE "E" – NOTICE OF SEIZURE OR IMPOUNDMENT

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

TO: _____

(Name)

(Address)

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DESCRIPTION OF DOG:

Breed: _____ Colour: _____

Sex: _____ License Tag#: _____

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You are hereby notified that a Dog registered under the above address or a Dog bearing no identification but believed to belong to you as been seized or impounded pursuant to the provisions of the Town of High River Animal Bylaw 4567/2019.

The said Dog will be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Animal Bylaw 4567/2019 unless the said Dog is claimed, and all fees or charges are paid on or before the date:

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OFFICER NAME: _____

OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

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SCHEDULE "F" – MAP OF LANDS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 14(c) and 18

Pursuant to Section 14(c), the lands outlined below are considered exempt from Section 13, in which case regulations for keeping Animals and Livestock are congruent with the rules, guidelines, and requirements set out by Foothills County, as updated or amended from time to time.

Pursuant to Section 18, the lands outlined below are considered exempt from requiring licenses for Dogs, Urban Bees, or Urban Chickens.

