

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

BY-LAW NO. 2024-14

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2020-62, BEING A BY-LAW FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATING OF DOGS AND KENNELS AND FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 11., provides that a municipality may pass By-laws respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to ensure the adequate and appropriate care of animals to meet their needs;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 103.(1), provides for the regulating or prohibiting of animals to be at large or to trespass;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 103.(1) (a), provides for the seizure and impounding of animals being at large or trespassing;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 103.(1)(b), provides for the sale of impounded animals;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to amend the by-law to provide for clarity respecting the limit of 4 dogs and kennel licensing requirements.;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That By-law No. 2020-62, be and it is hereby amended with the following amendments:

1. Definitions

Dwelling Unit for the purposes of this By-law shall mean the Dwelling Unit and the land upon which the Dwelling Unit is situated.

Kennel means:

- a) a building or structure where any number of domesticated animals (dogs) are kept, bred or boarded as set out in the Township's Zoning By-law;
- b) where dogs are to be housed overnight for profit or gain;
- c) Excluding a veterinary establishment for the purpose of observation and/or recovery necessary for veterinary treatment

2. General Provisions

2.8 No person shall harbour more than 4 dogs in a dwelling unit.

For the purpose of this section, "harbour" does not include the provision of shelter to a dog for a period of less than 14 consecutive days within the calendar year, provided that the dog is owned by someone other than the household group and that the owner of the dog can provide proof of a valid dog licence and a permanent address that the dog will be returning to.

2.9 No person shall harbour any number of dogs in a Dwelling Unit for profit or gain within the Township without a kennel licence.

2. That this by-law come into effect immediately upon passed.

By-law read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of March, 2024.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

MAYOR

CLERK