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**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1627**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm to provide for the regulation and control of cats, within the Town of Claresholm.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, a Council may, pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled hereby enacts the following:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Cat Bylaw.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - a. "Animal Control Officer" means any person, firm or corporation, appointed by Council to carry out the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - b. "Cat" shall mean either a male or female cat over the age of three (3) months.
 - c. "Council" means the Council of the Town of Claresholm.
 - d. "Owner" means the person who has legal title to a cat and includes any person who has the possession or custody of the cat, or harbours the cat, or suffers the cat to remain on his/her premises.
 - e. "Pound" means a place designated by Council as a place where cats may be placed and kept impounded under humane conditions.
 - f. "Running At Large" means a cat found on any public street, lane, alley or other public place in the Town or is on private property without the permission of the occupant or owner thereof.
 - g. "Town" means the Town of Claresholm.

Offences

3. A cat owner, whose cat or cats are or become a public nuisance or are running at large, is guilty of an offence.
4. An owner who fails to remove defecated matter which the owner has permitted or caused the cat or cats to deposit on public property or upon the lands or premises of any person other than the owner, is guilty of an offence.
5. The residences or grounds where any cats are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, satisfactory to the Animal Control Officer. An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard. The Animal Control Officer may serve an owner or occupant of private property with a notice to remove all animal feces from the property within 72 hours of service of the notice. The Town may remove the feces from the property if the person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within 72 hours, or after reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined. If the Town carried out the work, the costs and expenses may be added to the tax roll and form part of the taxes owing on the land whereon the work was done.
6. The Animal Control Officer, or any person or persons as shall be authorized or appointed by Council, may capture a cat or cats using any humane method and shall deliver said cat or cats to the pound, where said animal shall be held for a period of three (3) days.

Notice

- 7. If a notice is not served personally on an owner or occupant of private property, then a copy of the notice shall be sent by registered mail to the owner of the property at the mailing address shown on the last assessment roll of the Town. A notice sent by registered mail is deemed to have been received on the fifth (5th) day following the date of its mailing.

Impound Fees

- 8. Each cat impounded under the provisions of this Bylaw shall be subject to impounding fees at the rate of:
 - a. \$20.00 per day for each day the cat has been impounded, plus
 - b. \$35.00 – First (1st) offence
 - c. \$100.00 – Second (2nd) and each subsequent offence
- 9. Any cat impounded under the provisions of this Bylaw shall not be released until such time as the owner can:
 - a. present proof of ownership to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer,
 - b. pay all offence fines and impounding charges and/or fees.

Fines

- 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any other person responsible for such violation shall be liable to a penalty of:
 - a. Warning – First (1st) offence
 - b. \$100.00 – Second (2nd) offence
 - c. \$250.00 – Third (3rd) offence
 - d. \$500.00 – Fourth (4th) and subsequent offences

This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passage.

Bylaw #1225 and Bylaw #1480 are hereby repealed.

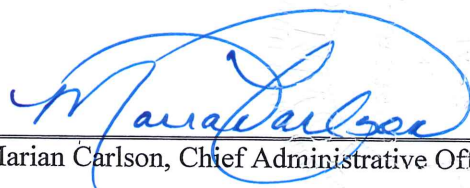
Read a first time in Council this **13th** day of **March** 2017 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this **27th** day of **March** 2017 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this **10th** day of **April** 2017 A.D.



Rob Steel, Mayor



Marian Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer