

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC
BY-LAW 2022-86**

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2001-66, 'A BY-LAW TO LICENSE DOGS, AND FOR REGULATING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC'

WHEREAS Council desires to update By-law 2001-66;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac enacts as follows:

1. By-law 2001-66, "A By-Law To License Dogs, And For Regulating The Running At Large Of Dogs Within The Corporation Of The Township Of South Frontenac", is hereby amended as follows:

Definitions is amended to include the following terms and read as follows:

- j) "MUZZLE" shall mean to place a humane fastening or covering device over the mouth of a dog that is of adequate strength to prevent it from biting, and "muzzled" has corresponding meanings; and
- k) "VICIOUS DOG" shall mean a dog that has bitten or attempted to bite a person or other animal, attacked a person or other animal, or that has demonstrated a propensity, tendency or disposition to do so.;

Section 4 is amended by adding Sections 4 p), q) and r) to read as follows:

- "4. p) No owner, possessor or harbourer of a Vicious Dog shall permit the Vicious Dog to be on any streets or in any public place or any other place that is not owned or controlled by that person unless the dog is muzzled to prevent it from biting another animal or human.
- q) Every owner, possessor or harbourer of a Vicious Dog shall, at all times while the Vicious Dog is on the premises owned or controlled by such person, keep the dog securely confined either indoors or in an enclosed pen or other structure capable of preventing the entry of any children and adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping.
- r) Every owner, possessor or harbourer of a Vicious Dog must notify the Clerk of the Township of South Frontenac within forty-eight hours after the ownership of the dog is transferred to another person or municipality, any changes to the residency of the dog or should the dog be destroyed or dies of natural causes."

Section 6 is amended by adding Sections 6 c), d), e) and f) to read as follows:

- “6. c) An Animal Control Officer may issue an Order to Muzzle to an owner whose dog is alleged to have bitten or attacked a person or animal, or that has demonstrated a propensity, tendency or disposition to do so, requiring the owner to muzzle the dog. Upon issuance of an Order to Muzzle the dog is deemed a vicious dog as per the By-law.
- d) An owner may appeal an Order to Muzzle his or her dog to the Director of Corporate Services but an appeal shall not act as a stay of the muzzling order. On an appeal under this Sub-section, the Director of Corporate Services shall hear the evidence and submissions of the owner and all relevant witnesses as determined in the sole discretion of the Director, and may uphold, modify or revoke the Order to Muzzle.
- e) Where a proceeding has been commenced by the Township under the *Dog Owner’s Liability Act* against an owner whose dog is alleged to have bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal, the owner shall be required to muzzle the dog until a determination of the matter has been made by the court.
- f) Where a dog is declared a Vicious Dog, the animal control officer shall deliver or send by registered mail an Order to Muzzle to the owner of the vicious dog requiring that the dog be muzzled and restrained pursuant to the provisions of this By-law. Such notice that has been served by registered mail shall be deemed to have been received by the person to whom it is addressed on the third day after the day it is mailed.

2. This By-law will come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

Given First and Second Readings: September 6, 2022

Given Third Reading signed and sealed September 6, 2022

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC


Ron Vandewal, Mayor


Angela Maddocks, Clerk