

Village of Nobleford, Bylaw No. 642b, Cat Bylaw

BEING A BYLAW, AMENDING BYLAW #621, OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD TO REGULATE and LICENSE CATS WITHIN ITS MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. chapter M-26.1 as amended, provides for the regulating of domestic animals; the Council of the Village of Nobleford, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

SECTION I – SHORT TITLE

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

SECTION II – DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this bylaw the following definitions shall apply:

“Annual License or License” means a tag or similar document issued by the Village pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended.

“At Large” means where a Cat is at any place other than the Owner's Property or permitted property and is not being carried by any person or is not otherwise under the control of a person.

“Cat” means either male or female of the feline family over the age of six (6) months.

“Council” means the duly elected municipal council of the Village of Nobleford.

“Owner” means any person, partnership, association or corporation:

- i) which has the care, charge, custody, possession or control of a Cat.
- ii) which harbours or permits a Cat to be present on any property owned, occupied or leased by that person or which is otherwise under their control.
- iii) to whom a License was issued for the cat in accordance with this Bylaw; and for the purposes of this Bylaw a Cat may have more than one (1) owner.

“Prohibited” means not allowed in Nobleford under any circumstance.

“Restricted” means subject to conditions.

“Village” means the Village of Nobleford.

SECTION III – MAXIMUM NUMBER

1. The maximum number of cats in a single-family dwelling or household shall be restricted to three (3) cats over the age of six (6) months.

SECTION IV – LICENSING PROVISIONS

1. The owner of a cat, six (6) months of age or older, in the Village shall obtain an annual license for each cat, and shall pay an annual fee as set out in Schedule “A”, which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
2. The owner of a cat shall ensure that the cat wears a collar to which the license tag is attached or that the cat has an ear tattoo for identification registered with the Village.
3. The owner of a cat shall:
  - i) obtain the license by the last day of February in any given year.
  - ii) obtain a license within fourteen (14) days of the cat becoming six (6) months of age
  - iii) obtain a license within fourteen (14) days of becoming the owner of a cat.
4. License fees shall be paid in full regardless of when the cat is registered during the year. No refunds shall be made on any paid license fee due to the death, loss or sale of the cat or upon the owner's leaving the municipality.
5. Any person who owns or houses more than two (2) cats within the Village Limits, at one property, shall apply for a Multi-Animal Pet Permit, Schedule “D”, and canvass their neighborhood with a Neighbourhood Consent Form. Council shall review the Consent Form and may by resolution approve the Multi-Animal Pet Permit on an annual basis, subject to any conditions that may be established by Council and payment of the License Fees as set out in the Fee Schedule, Schedule “A”. The Multi-Animal Pet Permit may be subject to cancellation by resolution, as the Council may decide. Cats that have been licensed prior to the passing of Bylaw 642b Schedule “D” are not required to complete the consent form in 2017.
6. Restricted Cat is: any cat, as identified in this bylaw or which, in the opinion of the CAO / Bylaw Officer, should be restricted or any cat with respect to which there has been a fine or conviction registered on one or more occasions under any Sections of this by-law.

SECTION V – RECORDS

1. The Village Administration Office shall keep a record of all cats. The records shall indicate:
  - i) Date of License issuance
  - ii) Name, address, telephone number, and email address of cat owner
  - iii) License tag number issued and tattoo number and amount paid
  - iv) Breed, colour, name, and sex of cat and photograph if offered.

## SECTION VI – CAT CONTROL PROVISIONS

1. The owner of a cat shall not allow the cat to run at large within the corporate limits of the Village.
2. The owner of a female cat, which is in heat, shall keep such cat housed and confined on the premises of the owner in such a way as to prevent the attraction of other cats to the vicinity of such premises.
3. The owner of a cat, who allows a cat to defecate on property other than his own, shall remove forthwith any defecated material so deposited.
4. No person shall tease, torment or annoy any cat.
5. No person shall willfully free a cat that is restrained, thereby allowing the cat to run at large.
6. Failure to comply with Section VI may result in prosecution or, in lieu thereof, payment of a fine as set out in Schedule "A", which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council.

## SECTION VIII TRAPPING

1. Cat trapping will be allowed by residents, on their private property, within the municipal boundaries of Nobleford.
  - a. Traps used to trap cats must be a cage style trap.
  - b. When a cat is trapped, and the cat has a license tag, tattoo, or other identification on it, the resident who has trapped the cat must report the tag number or other identification to the Village Municipal office during hours of operation, in an attempt to ascertain the owner of the cat.
  - c. If the owner is immediately identified, the trapped cat must be kept by the resident who has trapped the cat for 24 hours, or until such time that the owner collects the cat within the 24 hour period.
  - d. If the Village cannot immediately identify the cat owner, the cat will be considered rogue and the resident who trapped the cat may remove the cat from the Village, to be turned over to a cat shelter.

## SECTION IX - PENALTIES

1. The Designated Officer or, in the absence of one being named, the Administrator, may issue a notice or ticket in the amount of the voluntary penalty to the owner of cats in contravention of this bylaw. A notice or ticket may also be issued in the amount of a voluntary penalty to any resident trapping a cat in contravention of this bylaw.
2. Service of any such notice shall be sufficient if it is:
  - a. personally served; or
  - b. served by mail; or
  - c. left with some competent person who resides with the person who is alleged to have committed such offence.
3. Upon production of any such ticket within seven (7) days from the date of service of such ticket, together with payment of the sum specified on the ticket to a person authorized to receive such payment, such payment shall be accepted in lieu of prosecution.
4. Unpaid fines of property owners may be transferred to property taxation accounts.
5. Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from exercising their right to defend any charge of committing a breach of any of the provisions of the Bylaw.
6. A person who contravenes a provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and costs, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. A Provincial Judge, in addition to the penalties provided may, if they consider the offence sufficiently serious impose further fines or condition

## SECTION X – GENERAL

1. It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of the bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is further the intention of Council that if any provisions of the Bylaw be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.
2. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the final passing thereof.
3. That Bylaw #621 is repealed in it entirety

#130-2017 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty that Bylaw 642b be read for the first time this 2 day of May, 2017

#157-2017 MOVED BY Councillor Wobick that Bylaw 642b be read for the second time this 6 day of June, 2017

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MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**LICENSE FEES, COSTS AND CHARGES AND FINES**

LICENSE FEES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cat - \$30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cat - \$30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cat- \$30



COSTS AND CHARGES

Contravention of any portion of Bylaw 642  
Fines triple regarding restricted cats

FINES

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence
\$100.00	\$150.00
\$300.00	\$450.00

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MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Schedule "D" - Cat Bylaw #642b**

**MULTI-ANIMAL PET PERMIT & NEIGHBORHOOD CONSENT FORM FOR NUMEROUS PETS**

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Consent Form for Numerous Pets (more than 2 cats, maximum 3 cats per property) DEPARTMENT: Administration  
ADOPTED & APPROVED BY COUNCIL: #342-2009, Bylaw #605/ #621 (Policy # 02-24) Jan17 2012, Feb 21 2012, July 3 2012, 2014, March 3 2015, May 2, 2017

**PURPOSE:** To encourage neighbourhood awareness, positive relationships, and establish neighborhood opinion on pet owners applying for Multi-Animal Pet Permits under Dog and Cat or other animal related Bylaws.

- 1- All pets must be licensed and fees paid prior to applying for a Multi-Animal Pet Permit, as established by Schedule "A".
- 2- Any pet owner applying for a Multi-Animal Pet Permit must canvass their neighborhood with the Consent Form, disclosing, breed, age, sex, and weight, and show the cats to their neighborhood.
- 3- The Neighborhood Consent Form shall include name, address, phone, and signature of 1 adult resident per household of adjacent properties (2 each side, 3 front, and 3 behind, within 100 meters of the pet owner's residence).
- 4- If the pet owner is a tenant, the Consent Form shall also include consent from the tenant's property owner.
- 5- All adjacent residents must fill in, sign and circle either SUPPORT or OBJECT on the form below in order for the application to be considered by the Village. A blank response will be considered an OBJECTION.

**Neighborhood Consent Form for Numerous Pets (more than 2 cats, maximum 3 cats per property)**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 I / We (names) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Nobleford, AB Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Nobleford, AB  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am asking for permission to keep  Cats (number of pets at the above address)


- Animal #1- Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal #2- Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal #3- Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

I have seen the cats identified in this Multi-Animal Pet Permit application and **support** the license application to be presented to the Village, OR: I have **objections** with this multi pet permit application and **do not support** the license application to be presented to the Village. A blank response will be considered an OBJECTION.

Name _____	Address _____	Phone _____	Signature _____	Support _____	Object _____
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THAT amended Schedule "D" of Bylaw 642b shall come into force and effect upon the final passing thereof;

- #130-2017 MOVED BY \_\_\_ that Bylaw 642b, Schedule "D", be read for the first time this 2 day of May 2017.
- #157-2017 MOVED BY Councillor Wobick that Bylaw 642b, Schedule "D", be read for the second time this 6 day of June, 2017
- #158-2017 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty that Bylaw 642b, Schedule "D", be read for the third time this 6 day of June, 2017

  
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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR

Cats that have been licensed prior to the passing of Bylaw 642b Schedule "D" are not required to complete the consent form in 2017.

### Nobleford - Cat Bylaw #642b APPLICATION FOR CAT LICENSE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landlord's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)  
 Landlord's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission Received for Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you require a Multi-Pet Permit for more than 2 Cats to a maximum of 3 Cats? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- I have reviewed the animal control bylaw and schedules, Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (you must read bylaw and schedules)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSE FEE:**

First Cat	\$30.00 (plus GST)
Second Cat	\$30.00 (plus GST)
Third Cat	\$30.00 (plus GST)

**PET INFORMATION:** Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cat's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Description (colour, fur length, etc.: *you may provide a picture*):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT/INCIDENT HISTORY:**

Date:	Reported By:	Issue:	Fine:
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Assistance to pet owners:

- Fort McLeod Veterinarian Clinic: 609 12 St. Fort Macleod · 403-553-4887
- **Claresholm Vet Services, Claresholm, Alberta**  
claresholmvvet.ca  
Welcome to **Claresholm Veterinary Services. Claresholm Vet Services** was established in 1971 by Doc Al Martin, mainly for the reason of having some place to do ...
- **Adopt Local Dogs & Puppies in Lethbridge | Pets | Kijiji ...**  
www.kijiji.ca › Alberta › Lethbridge › pets
- **Animal Shelter - City of Lethbridge**  
www.lethbridge.ca/living-here/Animals-Wildlife/.../Animal-Shelter.aspx
- **Pets for Adoption - Lethbridge**  
www.lethbridge.ca/.../Animals-Wildlife/Pages/Pets-for-Adoption.aspx  
\*\*\*The **Lethbridge Animal Services** Facebook page is maintained by SPD Animal Services and is used for marketing purposes to aid in adoptions...
- **The Lethbridge and District Humane Society - The ...**  
lethbridgehumanesociety.com  
The **Lethbridge & District Humane Society's** main goal is to find the best possible homes for abandoned, stray and previously owned animals from **Lethbridge** and ....

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