

Item No. 12.4.1

Councillors Younger and Adams - Proposed Amendments To By-Law A-300 And Associated Admin Order

1. Dogs and cats would be required to be registered. They would be registered for free and registration would occur only once and be good for the animal's life. Identification must be worn when the animal is off the owner's property (either by tag or microchip)
2. Property owners retain the ability that has always existed to catch cats causing problems or that they don't want on their properties. HRM will however accept the cats and provide traps as per A-300.
3. If a cat is brought to HRM by a property owner, the animal owner will be called if the owner can be identified. If the cat cannot be identified then the existing procedure will be followed.
4. When a cat or dog is found to cause property damage or injury the animal control may direct that such animal is no longer permitted off the owner's property without restraint such as a leash or cage, or on another property without the consent of the property owner.
5. A cat or dog found to cause property damage or personal injury shall cause the owner to be fined.
6. A cat or dog owner shall be fined if their cat has been barred from a property and it caught again on that property.
7. Automatic ban on roaming cats is lifted but outdoor cats must be spayed or neutered.
8. All dog regulations as described above shall remain.
9. TNR for feral cats will be supported through the grants program. *(This would not be entrenched in the by-law as staff have previously indicated this is not a by-law issue)*