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Greetings Mayor and Council

The following question was sent by a councilor regarding the 2020 License Fee Increase Report:

What do we do about very low-income people who cannot afford to license their dog? Is there a process for having the license fee waived? Or are their dogs simply not licensed?

Staff response:

Dog licences are issued under the Animal Control by-law with an annual fee of \$44 in 2019. The licensing requirement applies to all dogs in the City. The only exception is noted in section 3.4 of the by-law, which grants the authority to waive fees for trained and certified guide dogs. We exercise this authority and waive the annual fees for these dogs. There are no further exemptions in the by-law to reduce or waive fees on any other grounds.

Compliance with dog licensing in Vancouver is known to be lower than other municipalities despite having comparable fees. Of the approximately 60,000 dogs in Vancouver, just over 20,000 are licensed. Staff are currently working on a communications campaign, targeting increased compliance with dog licensing.

Best

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