

## **PART VIII -VICIOUS DOG**

**21.-(1)**No owner of a dog shall permit his or her dog to attack without provocation or to bite a person or domestic animal.

(2) Where the Registrar is informed upon written complaint, and is satisfied that a dog has attacked without provocation or bitten a person or domestic animal, and has further been provided with satisfactory evidence as to the name and address of the owner of the dog, the Registrar shall serve notice on the owner of the dog that the dog is deemed to be a vicious dog and requiring the owner to comply with any or all of the requirements set out in Subsections 21(4) and 21(5).

(3) Service of notice that a dog has been deemed a vicious dog may be effected on the person who shows in the City's records as the owner of the dog, or where the dog does not appear to be registered pursuant to this By-law, on such other person who appears to be the owner of the dog. Service may be effected by personal service, by mail or by posting up in a conspicuous place at the address shown in the records of the City as the address for the owner of the dog, or where the dog is not registered under this By-law, at such address as appears to be the address of the owner of the dog. Service of the notice shall be effective upon the date that personal service is effected, or where served by mail or by posting, shall be deemed effective on the third day after mailing or posting as the case may be.

(4) Every owner of a vicious dog shall at all times when the vicious dog is not in the owner's dwelling unit but otherwise within the boundaries of the owner's premises, ensure that the

- (a) the vicious dog is muzzled so as to prevent it from biting a person or domestic animal; and
- (b) the vicious dog is securely leashed on a leash which does not allow it to go beyond the property line of the owner's lands.

(5) Every owner of a vicious dog shall at all times when the vicious dog is not within the boundaries of the owner's premises:

- (a) keep the vicious dog under the effective control of an adult person on a leash held by the person; and
- (b) keep the vicious dog muzzled.

(6) Every owner of a vicious dog shall notify the Registrar within two working days of any change in ownership or residence of the vicious dog and provide the Registrar with the new address and telephone number of the owner.

(7) Where the owner of a vicious dog is informed that his or dog has been deemed to be a vicious dog, the owner may, within 14 days of such notice, request in writing a hearing by Council or committee established for that purpose and Council may exempt the owner from the muzzling or leashing requirement, or both such requirements or may modify the conditions for muzzling or leashing.

(8) The notification that a dog is a vicious dog is effective from the date it is served, even if a hearing before Council is requested by the owner of the dog affected.