

To: Rhoda Litke
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: November 8, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-232

RE: Dog Licensing

Thank you for your written concern regarding the new [Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw #469](#) (<http://www.lacombe.ca/home/showdocument?id=11760>) and licensing fees for spayed/neutered dogs. Council received your letter and it will be included in the [Council mailbox](#) (<http://www.lacombe.ca/home/showdocument?id=11956>) at the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting.

I believe a portion of your concern may be a simple misunderstanding. Your letter mentions that a spayed or neutered and a micro-chipped dog is \$75; however, a spayed or neutered and micro-chipped dog is actually only \$15 for the lifetime of the animal.

The new licensing structure for the lifetime of cats and dogs are the following:

- Altered and Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$15
- Unaltered and Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$75
- Altered but not Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$75
- Unaltered and not Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$150

The rationale of moving to this new system is to reward responsible pet ownership. If an animal is both altered and microchipped, the lifetime cost is only \$15. When it comes to pets, the City's highest priority is to return an animal back to its owner. The quickest way Bylaw Enforcement Services can do that is by scanning the animal with a microchip scanner to find its registered owner.

The onetime registration is easier for the public as they do not have to continually return to City Hall on a yearly basis to renew their pet's license. We only ask residents to let us know if they relocate so staff can update the files.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer