

Subject: Jan 7/2002 Agenda Item #8 - Dog Tax & Regulation Bylaw 7299

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

Our family recently received a Dog Licence renewal notice. The rate was increased from \$17 to \$20, an increase of about 18%. Considering that the CPI index for Vancouver has increased only a total of some 15% **in the last 10 years (ie. some 1.5%/year)** I find the increase not supportable in terms of CPI changes. In addition, it has been alleged by some members of the public that the vast majority of dog owners do not pay the annual license fee. I thus find it unfair that you should ask law abiding dog owners to share an increased burden when others are not doing so. I thus request that council retain the current fee structure and obtain additional revenue by increasing compliance with our Dog License bylaw.

It is also interesting to note that the new rates are being charged in spite of the fact that council has yet to approve them. This would tend to indicate that staff, not council driven by public input considerations, is in charge.

Yours truly,

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