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1. Maple Ridge Kennel Regulation Bylaw No. 6036-2002
2. Maple Ridge Kennel Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 6755-2010

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE

BYLAW NO. 6036-2002

A Bylaw to regulate Kennels or other places where the keeping,
training, care, breeding or boarding of dogs is carried out.

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 703 of the Local Government Act, Council may, by by-law regulate or prohibit kennels or other places for the keeping, training, care, breeding, treatment, hospitalization or boarding of dogs, cats, fur bearing animals or other animals, whether domesticated or undomesticated.

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

CITATION

This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the "Maple Ridge Kennel Regulation By-law No. 6036-2002".

"Maple Ridge Kennel Regulation By-law No. 3329-1983" and amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DEFINITIONS

Boarding means to feed, house, and care for a dog for a fee.

Breeding means the process of mating Dogs to produce, by deliberate selection, offspring for the purposes of sale or remuneration.

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Dog means any animal of the canine species.

Impervious means through which water will not pass.

Kennel means a use accessory to a residential use or agricultural use, as defined by Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 3510-1985, for the accommodation of more than 3 dogs in a building, structure, compound, pen or cage, or on a property. For the purpose of this By-law, "Kennels" shall be classified as follows:

Commercial Kennel means a Kennel limited to the keeping, training, Breeding and Boarding for remuneration or for the purposes of sale, of the number of dogs specified in the licence and not to exceed a density of fifty (50) dogs per site.

Hobby Kennel means a Kennel limited to the keeping of not more than five (5) dogs, provided the dogs are owned by the licenced Kennel operator and shall specifically exclude the Breeding or Boarding of any dogs.

Municipal Pound means the dog pound operated by or for the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge under provisions of the Maple Ridge Dog Pound and Dog Control By-law No. 4524-1991.

Poundkeeper means the person or persons appointed from time to time by the Council, to be poundkeeper, or the authorized agent of any corporation or society with whom the Council has an agreement to act as poundkeeper, or any other person or persons that Council may authorize to assist the poundkeeper.

Whelping Area means an area where a dog gives birth to its young.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. A Kennel shall be permitted only in the A-1 (Small Holding Agricultural), A-2 (Upland Agricultural), A-3 (Extensive Agricultural) and RS-3 (One Family Rural Residential) zones.
2. A Kennel located within the Agricultural Land Reserve shall require approval by the Land Reserve Commission; a Special Case application will need to be made directly to the Land Reserve Commission.
3. No person shall own, keep, harbour or have in his possession any dog unless a licence has been obtained pursuant to the terms of the Maple Ridge Dog Pound and Dog Control By-law No. 4524-1991.

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4. No person or persons shall own, keep, harbour or have in their possession more than three (3) dogs per lot as defined in the Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 3510-1985, unless a licence or permit has first been obtained pursuant to this Bylaw.
5. Every owner or operator of a Kennel shall:
 - (a) provide each dog with clean, potable drinking water at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and maintenance of normal body weight;
 - (b) ensure that food and water receptacles are kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by urine and other excrement;
 - (c) provide the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health, including the opportunity to be unfettered from a fixed area and exercised regularly under appropriate control;

- (d) provide necessary veterinary medical care when a dog exhibits signs of pain, illness or suffering;
- (e) provide each dog with clean bedding material and an area maintained at a temperature warm and dry enough so that no dog will at any time be in discomfort due to chill or dampness;
- (f) ensure that the Kennel be kept, at all times, in a clean and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and rodents;
- (g) ensure that the Kennel be kept free of urine and other excrement and be kept regularly disinfected and free of offensive and disagreeable odours; and
- (h) not permit or cause a dog to be unattended or uncontrolled in an exterior run in a Kennel between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

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- (i) utilize an air exchange unit designed by a registered professional to control seasonal temperature fluctuations and be capable of maintaining a temperature - within each kennel - that does not exceed 27 degrees centigrade. This system is also to have measures installed that will assist in the control and extraction of air born viruses, bacteria and moulds
- (j) ensure that all buildings and structures be constructed to prevent the escape of any dog being kept.

6. Animal Waste

- (a) It is the responsibility of every owner or operator of a kennel to dispose of dog excrement in accordance with the provisions of the Waste Management Act.
- (b) Commercial Kennel operations located on properties serviced by the sewage disposal system of the Municipality are required to hook up to this system in order to dispose of dog excrement.
- (c) For a Commercial Kennel operation in an area where the public sewage disposal system is not available, proper disposal of dog excrement must be achieved in one of two ways:
 - i. Installation of a septic tank, separate from the domestic system. Such systems must be inspected and receive a permit from the Environmental Health Officer;
 - ii. Installation of a holding tank which will store the excrement. The stored excrement shall be picked up and taken for disposal at least once a week to a landfill or other facility authorized to take such waste. The owner or operator of the Commercial Kennel shall disclose to the operator of the disposal facility as to the nature of the material to be disposed prior to its disposal.

- (d) With respect to Hobby Kennels, in addition to the requirements set out in Section 6(a) above, it is required that:
 - i. The dog excrement be collected at an interval of not less than once daily, placed and stored in a solid rigid container lined with a double layer of plastic garbage bags. While being stored the container shall have a lid on it and not be located closer than 9 metres (29.52 feet) to a neighbouring property line.
 - ii. The dog excrement be taken for disposal at least once a week to a landfill or other facility authorized to take such waste. The owner or operator of the Hobby Kennel shall disclose to the operator of the disposal facility as to the nature of the material to be disposed prior to its disposal.

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- 7. (a) The outside perimeters of all areas of a Kennel where animals are kept shall be enclosed by a solid fence at least 1.83 metres in height, constructed of wood, masonry, stone or concrete.
- (b) All pens, runs and exercise yards used in connection with a licenced kennel shall not be less than 18.58 sq metres which shall be completely fenced and have floor constructed of concrete and having a fall of 2 (two) percent for the whole floor.
 - i. All pens must be constructed so as to prevent the escape of any animals being kept therein.
 - ii. contain suitable bedding material on which the animals being kept therein may sleep or rest.
 - iii. be kept in a clean, sanitary and well-ventilated condition, free of any offensive odours.
 - iv. contain facilities whereby every animal kept therein has access to potable water for drinking.
 - v) be kept free of infestation by fleas, lice or other insects.
 - vi) be kept free of manure, urine and other excrement, which shall be disposed of in a manner acceptable to the Waste Management Branch of the Ministry of Environment.
- 8. All buildings and runs shall be kept in good repair at all times.
- 9. Kennels shall at all times be under the direct control of a responsible adult.
- 10. Kennels shall not be operated in a manner which creates a nuisance to anyone occupying property in the vicinity.
- 11. No person shall operate or maintain, or permit to be operated or maintained, any Kennel within the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge, unless all applicable District By-laws are being adhered to.

12. The provisions of this By-law shall not apply to the Municipal Pound operated by or for the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge.

COMMERCIAL KENNELS

13. A Commercial Kennel shall not be permitted unless all inspections have taken place and the applicable permits have been issued by the Manager of Inspection Services.
14. A Commercial Kennel shall be permitted only on parcels of 4 hectares or more in area.
15. All buildings and structures for a Commercial Kennel shall be sited in accordance with Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 3510-1985, as amended.
17. For each dog kept, there shall be an interior pen not less than 1.5 square metres in area except that the size of not more than 50% of the total number of pens may be varied to accommodate larger or smaller dogs provided the average size of all pens is maintained at 1.5 square metres.
18. For each dog kept, there shall be an exterior run not less than 3.72 square metres in area except that where pen sizes are varied in accordance with Section 17 above, the run sizes may be varied in the same proportion.
19. A service corridor of not less than 1.2 metres in width shall be provided adjacent to interior pens.
20. Whelping areas at a ratio of one pen per twenty dogs but in no case fewer than one shall be provided in a location completely separated from the balance of the kennel. A whelping pen shall be not less than 1.85 metres in area.
21. Isolation pens shall be provided at a ratio of one pen per ten dogs but in no case fewer than one such pen shall be provided. An isolation pen shall be not less than 1.85 square metres in area.
22. Minimum ceiling height shall be 2 metres except that in any area to which the general public has access the minimum ceiling height shall be 2.13 metres.
23. Floors shall be constructed of a readily cleaned impervious material and designed and constructed to provided adequate slope to approved drains.
24. Walls shall be surfaced with impervious material to a height of 0.91 metres and shall separate all pens. Wire mesh shall be provided between the solid walls and the underside of the ceiling.
25. All pens shall be provided with natural light and ventilation equal to 10 percent of floor area for ventilation.

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26. Exterior walls and all ceilings shall contain at least 8 cm of insulation for soundproofing purposes.

HOBBY KENNELS

27. A Hobby Kennel shall be permitted only on parcels of 0 .8 hectares or more in area.
28. All buildings and structures for a Hobby Kennel shall be sited in accordance with Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 3510-1985, as amended.
29. Every owner or operator of a Hobby Kennel shall:
- (a) ensure that each dog shall have space for adequate exercise either within the Kennel or adjacent thereto;
 - (b) provide a shelter for each dog that provides sufficient space therein for the dog to stand and lie in comfort;
 - (c) ensure the provision of natural light and ventilation;
 - (d) ensure that all buildings and structures be constructed to prevent the escape of any dog being kept; and
 - (e) not accept any dog from any other person for the purpose of Boarding, Breeding, harbouring, training, or keeping for any purpose.

RATES AND FEES

30. All persons operating a Commercial Kennel shall obtain an annual Business Licence and pay an annual Business Licence fee as required under Maple Ridge Business Licence By-law No. 2542-1978, as amended.
31. All persons operating a Hobby Kennel shall obtain an annual permit and pay an annual permit fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), such fee being due and payable on or before the last day of February of any year.
32. All persons operating a Commercial Kennel shall maintain a registry of all dogs boarded. Where a dog over the apparent age of four (4) months is accepted for Boarding and the owner is a resident of Maple Ridge, a notation shall be made in the Registry of the licence number of the dog

INSPECTION

33. The Poundkeeper, Building Inspector or Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the District of Maple Ridge or any Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to enter at all reasonable times upon any property to ascertain and ensure that the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with. Reasonable effort shall be made by the Poundkeeper, Building Inspector, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or Peace Officer to contact the owner/operator of the Kennel prior to entering on the property.

PENALTY

34. Any person who violates any provisions of this By-law, or who suffers or permits anything to be done in violation of this By-law, is guilty of an offence and shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty not exceeding the maximum provided under the Summary Conviction Act, and not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and may have his/her licence suspended.
35. If any section or lesser portion of this By-law is held invalid, it will be severed and the validity of the remaining provisions of the By-law will not be affected.

READ a first time the 28th day of May, A.D. 2002.

READ a second time the 25th day of June, A.D. 2002.

READ a third time the 25th day of June, A.D. 2002.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, the 9th day of July, A.D. 2002.

MAYOR

CLERK