

**TOWN OF ARCOLA
BYLAW NO. 12-2007**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF ARCOLA IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO
LICENSE AND REGULATE THE CATS IN ARCOLA.**

The council of the Town of Arcola, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. For the purpose of this bylaw the expression:
 - (a) “cat” shall mean either male or female;
 - (b) “dwelling unit” means a separate set of living quarters for one or more persons with a private entrance from outside or from a common hallway or stairway inside the building, provided that for the purposes of this bylaw, one or more persons must actually be using the premises as his principal residence;
 - (c) “municipality” shall mean the Town of Arcola;
 - (d) “nuisance” means any of the following: harmful, offensive, annoying, troublesome, and/or pest. Nuisance includes fighting with other cats, defecating or spraying on private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the property or on any public property, digging in garbage containers.
 - (e) “running at large” shall mean when the cat is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor, or harbinger of the said cat or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land and when it is not under control by being:
 - (i) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - (ii) securely confined within an enclosure: or
 - (iii) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

2.
 - (a) Every person within the municipality who owns, possesses, or harbors a cat shall obtain a license from the Town Administrator.
 - (b) The license shall be in effect from January 1 to December 31 of a calendar year, and shall be obtained on or before January 31 each year.
 - (c) The license fee shall be \$10 for each cat.
 - (d) Every person to whom a license has been issued under this bylaw shall cause his/her cat to wear a collar to which shall be attached the license tag issued by the municipality.
 - (e) A person residing in the municipality who owns, possesses, or harbors a cat and neglects or refuses to take out a license therefore shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

3.
 - (i) No cat shall run at large in the municipality.
 - (ii) A person who owns, possesses, or harbors a cat found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

4.
 - (i) Any cat found running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw may be taken and put in the Cat Pound where it shall be kept for three (3) business days unless the owner, possessor, or harbinger redeems the cat by paying the pound fees to the Administrator for the care and keep of each cat and any other costs incurred.
 - (ii) Any cat which is not redeemed within three (3) business days may be sold by the Administrator or Mayor, provided the purchaser obtains a license, if he/she is a resident of the Town of Arcola.
 - (iii) Any cat not redeemed within three (3) business days may be disposed of by the Administrator or Mayor, or at his/her request by any other person and costs shall be charged to the owner, possessor, or harbinger of the cat.
 - (iv) The charge for the first offence of impoundment shall be \$50 per cat per business day.
 - (v) Where the same cat has been impounded more than once in any current year, then in addition to the sum imposed under section 4(iv) hereof, there shall be an additional charge of \$50 per cat per business day.

5.
 - (i) No cat shall be a nuisance, as described in Section 1, within the municipality at any time.
 - (ii) A person who owns, possesses, or harbors a cat found being a nuisance shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

6.
 - (i) No person shall at any time have in his/her possession, or keep within the Town of Arcola, more than two cats over the age of three months.
 - (ii) A person who has in his/her possession or is keeping more than two cats over the age of three months, within the Town of Arcola, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

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7. (i) In the case where a cat has bitten or attempted to bite a person, the owner or harbinger of such a cat, on complaint being made, may be required, if it appears that the cat is dangerous, to have the cat destroyed at the expense of the owner, possessor or harbinger.
(ii) A person who fails to comply with section 6 of this bylaw shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$250 for each day during which the failure continues.
8. Where a cat has bitten a person or domestic animal, the owner of the cat shall, unless the cat is ordered destroyed, quarantine the cat for observation for symptoms of rabies for a period of not less than ten days.
9. (i) Every person who destroys a cat following the non-fatal biting of a person or domestic animal, whether the destruction is pursuant to an order of a judge or court or at the decision of the owner of the cat shall, if the destruction is carried out before the completion of the quarantine period mentioned in Section 8, retain the head of the cat in a manner usable for testing the cat for rabies.
(ii) Where a person destroys a cat in the circumstances described in Subsection (i), the person shall immediately notify the Bylaw Enforcement Officer that he or she is in possession of the head of a cat to be tested for rabies.
10. (i) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sections 2, 3 and 5 of this bylaw or fails to comply therewith, or with any notice or order given therewith, shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each offence or \$25 for the first offence if the cat was licensed for the current year.
11. Appendix "A" as attached to this bylaw is the form used for offence of the bylaw.
12. **Bylaw 7-2006 is hereby repealed when this bylaw comes into force this 14th day of November, 2007.**

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Mayor

Administrator