

**THE CITY OF CALGARY
COUNCILLOR COLLEY-URQUHART
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May 15, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Nenshi & Members of Council

FROM: COUNCILLOR Diane Colley-Urquhart (#8001A)

SUBJECT: Bylaw amendments to limit the number of pets in residential properties

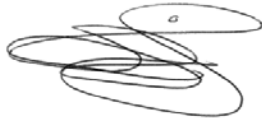
Please find attached a motion that I am bringing forward to Council on May 26th, 2014 in regards to amending the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw by limiting the number of household pets in Calgary.

Recent events covered in the media have highlighted the health and safety risks to both humans and animals when a single household is overburdened with pets. In the interest of public safety, it is our responsibility as Council to address this issue.

In my research of best practices, many major Canadian cities including Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, and Edmonton have all instituted restrictions in the number of pets allowed in a household.

The attached motion asks Administration to examine and present options to limit the number of household cats and dogs in City households, as well as to consider situations where this limit would need to be relaxed.

I look forward to this discussion and I thank you for your consideration,



Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart



05/26/2014

NOTICE OF MOTION
CC 661 (R2009-05)

**RE: BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PETS
IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act enables Council to pass bylaws respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS the current Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (23M2006) does not set limits for the number of pets in a residence;

AND WHEREAS excessive numbers of pets occupying a single residence can increase the risk of health and safety issues to the residents, surrounding community and animals themselves;

AND WHEREAS other large Canadian municipalities limit through regulation the number of dogs and cats in a single property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration investigates appropriate amendments to Bylaw 23M2006 including but not limited to:

- a. Limits on the number of dogs permitted to a single residence
- b. Limits on the number of cats permitted to a single residence
- c. Any necessary exemptions to (a) and (b) including exemptions for:
 - i. Animals under six months of age
 - ii. Residential properties with valid relevant business licenses
 - iii. Residential properties with land uses appropriate to keep a higher number of animals

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration bring back a report through the SPC on Community & Protective Services that would also address issues related to implementation of such bylaw amendments, and report back no later than 2014 December.

Signature of Member(s) of Council