Licensing Information

All dogs over the age of eight (8) weeks must be licensed. The licence tag (metal disc and decal) must be visible and attached to a **secure** collar.

Payments Up To February 29, 2016

Un-Neutered/Un-Spayed	$55.75
Neutered/Spayed	$22.50 $11.25 for 65+ years
Dangerous Dog Un-Neutered/Un-Spayed	$223.00
Dangerous Dog Neutered/Spayed	$168.00 $83.75 for 65+ years

Payments After February 29, 2016

Un-Neutered/Un-Spayed	$77.75
Neutered/Spayed	$33.75
Dangerous Dog Un-Neutered/Un-Spayed	$278.00
Dangerous Dog Neutered/Spayed	$223.00

A non-refundable dog licence (metal disc and decal) can be obtained at City Hall in person at Information or Taxes, or by mailing in a completed application form (available online at www.richmond.ca), together with a cheque/money order payable to the City of Richmond (Attention: Dog Licensing).

Registration and Payment Options

- By internet:
  www.richmond.ca/safety/animals/dogs.htm
  (by Visa or MasterCard)
- By mail: c/o City of Richmond,
  6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
  (cheque)
- In person: Richmond City Hall,
  6911 No. 3 Road, (cash, cheque or debit)

Professional Dog Walkers

A professional dog walker may have up to six (6) dogs under his or her care or control off-leash in the designated dog off-leash area within McDonald Park.

Professional dog walker must hold a valid off-leash permit.

All dogs under the care of the professional dog walker must wear a valid municipal dog licence.

Professional dog walker must wear a vest assigned by the City while walking more than three (3) dogs off-leash at McDonald Park.

Contact Information

Dog Licensing 604-247-4633
Email: doglicence@richmond.ca

Animal Control 604-247-4630
- To report barking dogs, dog attacks and/or bites, general inquiries.

Richmond Animal Shelter..... 604-275-2036
12071 No. 5 Road, Richmond
- Lost pets, adoptions, spay/neutering, pet education, etc.

BC SPCA..... 604-879-7343
- To report cruelty concerns.

Business Licence..... 604-276-4328
- Professional dog walkers

For further information, please visit our website:
www.richmond.ca/safety/animals/problem

City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
Telephone: 604-276-4000
www.richmond.ca

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Information for Dog Owners

Know Your Responsibilities Under the Law

This pamphlet is for your convenience and summarizes key parts of the Animal Control Bylaw No. 7932 and Dog Licencing Bylaw 7138. This is not a legal document, certified copies of the original bylaw should be consulted for all interpretations/applications of the bylaw. All fees listed are subject to change.

Community Bylaws
www.richmond.ca

Dangerous Dog Information

You must disclose if your dog has been deemed dangerous in any town or city.

DANGEROUS DOG means:

(a) any **dog** that has killed or injured:
  (i) a person, or
  (ii) a **companion animal** or domestic animal while **running at large**; or

(b) any **dog** that an **Animal Control Officer** has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to kill or seriously injure a person;

(c) any **dog** that aggressively harasses or pursues a person or **companion animal** or domestic animal while **running at large**; or

(d) any **dog** owned, primarily or in part, for the purpose of dog fighting or that is trained for dog fighting;

(e) a Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or any **dog** of mixed breeding which includes any of these breeds; or any **dog** which has the appearance and physical characteristics predominantly conforming to the standards for any of the above breeds; or

(f) any **dog** that, according to the records of the SPCA, RCMP or other municipality, or to the knowledge of the owner, has killed, injured, or aggressively harassed or pursued a person or **animal**.

Every owner of a Dangerous Dog must:

- ensure that the dog is not allowed off the owner's property unless the dog is:
  - on a leash;
  - muzzled; and
  - under the care and control of an owner, who is 19 years of age or older;
- ensure the dog is securely confined at all times, either indoors or in an enclosure, while the dog is on the owner's property or controlled by the owner.

Off-Leash Dog Areas

The following areas have been designated as dog off-leash areas:

- McDonald Beach (includes professional dog walkers);
- Steveston Community Park;
- No. 3 Road Waterfront Park—south foot of No. 3 Road along South Dyke Trail;
- Woodwards Slough;
- Shell Road/Horseshoe Slough Trail;
- East Richmond/Hamilton Area—along Thompson Road;
- McCallan Park;
- Corner of Elmbridge and Alderbridge Roads;
- Garden City Park;
- South Arm Community Park.

Dog owners must:

- let their dog off-leash in designated areas **only**, dogs must be on leash prior to entering and upon leaving the off-leash area;
- carry a leash at all times;
- clean up after their dog;
- keep effective verbal control of dog, be able to see dog at all times;
- ensure that dogs visibly display their current dog licence;
- immediately leash their dog at the first sign of aggressive and/or inappropriate behaviour;
- no owner may have more than three (3) dogs off-leash at any one time;
- **no owner may permit a dangerous dog to be off-leash and unmuzzled.**

How to Cancel your Dog Licence

You will need to cancel your dog licence if:

- your dog has passed away;
- you gave your dog to another person;
- you have moved out of the City of Richmond.

To cancel your dog licence account, email doglicence@richmond.ca or call 604-247-4633.

"Poop & Scoop"

Dog owners are responsible for immediate removal of any dog excrement deposited by his/her dog on any property that is not their own. Disposal of excrement must be done on/at the owner's property in a sanitary manner.

Please be a responsible dog owner and carry doggy bags with you when walking your dog!

Leashing & Controlling Your Dog

Dog owners may not permit their dogs to run at large. Every owner of a dog must keep their dog on a leash at all times while on any street or public place, except in designated off-leash areas.

Number of Dogs per Home

The City of Richmond has a limit of three (3) dogs per one family dwelling and a maximum of two (2) dogs per multiple family dwelling.

Barking Dogs

It is an offence to have any dog which by its noises unduly disturbs the peace of a person in the surrounding neighbourhood. See Noise Regulation Bylaw 8856, Section 3.2.1(a).

"(a) the sound made by a dog barking, howling or creating any kind of sound continually or sporadically or erratically for any period in excess of one-half hour of time;"

Penalties Charged

The penalty for an unlicensed dog is up to $325.00 and the penalty for an unlicensed dangerous dog is up to $525.00. Both are subject to court prosecution for up to $10,000.00.