



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR

POLICY FOR DOG CONTROL

PURPOSE: To establish the procedure for officers to follow when receiving a complaint with regard to dog(s) running at large and the controlling of dog(s).

POLICY STATEMENT: This policy shall work in conjunction with the approved By-law for Regulating the Running At Large and Controlling of Dogs within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor and the approved By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all dogs found to be running at large or not under the control of any person within the Township of O'Connor, and to ensure that dog owners are taking reasonable precaution to prevent their dogs from running at large, creating a nuisance, disturbing the peace, or engaging in a dangerous act.

GUIDELINES: These guidelines are to ensure that no dog shall disturb the peace, cause harm, or engage in any Dangerous Act towards any person and/or animal residing in or visiting the Township of O'Connor.

PROCEDURES: As per By-law Number 2024-05, an officer for The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor, has the authority to proceed with the following;

- Determine either through his or her own investigation or as a result of information received by him or her from any source that a dog is running at large, engaging in a dangerous act or acting in self defence, or causing a disturbance or nuisance,
- Enforce By-law 2024-05, where a dog is deemed to be running at large, engaging in a dangerous act, disturbing the peace, or creating a nuisance,
- May, at reasonable times, enter onto private property that is not a building used for human habitation for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine if By-law 2024-05 is being complied with,
- Refuse any work that they believe to be dangerous to their health and/or safety,
- Contact the Ontario Provincial Police should they determine the situation to be dangerous to public safety,
- If the owner of the dog is unknown or cannot be found, the Township of O'Connor will bring the dog to the animal services centre in the City of Thunder Bay,
- Report any incidents of workplace harassment or violence,
- Report any near miss incident, occupational injury or mental health concern or illness immediately and any potentially hazardous practices and conditions to which he/she has knowledge to.

REVIEW: This policy shall be reviewed by Council, at least annually, or as required to ascertain if any amendments are necessary.



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DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THIS POLICY:

- TOWNSHIP POLICY 2.6 – HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY
- TOWNSHIP POLICY 3.10 – WORKPLACE HARASSMENT/VIOLENCE POLICY
- TOWNSHIP POLICY 4.21 – COMPLAINT POLICY
- TOWNSHIP BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-09, as amended, a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise in The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor.
- TOWNSHIP BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-05, a By-law to Regulate the Running at Large and Controlling of Dogs in The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor.
- OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT WITH REGULATIONS FOR ONTARIO
- WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE ACT
- DOG OWNERS' LIABILITY ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c D.16
- PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c P.33
- PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FROM DOGS ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c L.24
- THE FARMING AND FOOD PROTECTION ACT, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 1
- MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, as amended

EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy shall come into effect as of February 26, 2024.

Reference: Resolution #8, February 26, 2024.