



Professional Dog Walker Permit within the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

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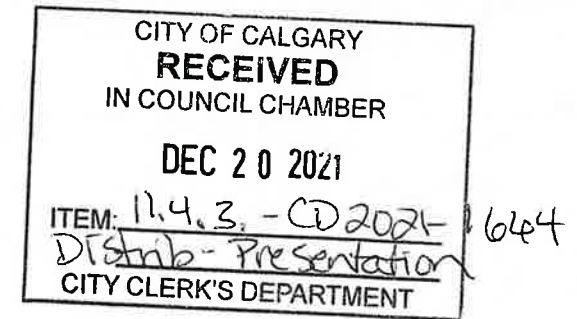
Presentation to City Council

2021 December 20





Recommendation



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Six dog off-leash limit in Calgary

- Created in response to feedback from public and internal stakeholders
- Off-leash limits will affect professional dog walkers:
 - Loss of income;
 - Reduced client-base or extra work; or
 - Increased prices for clients



Issue Investigation Process



Engagement

- Dog Walkers survey
- Conversations with dog walking association
- Information from bylaw review



Municipal scan

- Permits in other Canadian jurisdictions

Proposed professional dog walker permit program



Professional Dog Walker Permit

To gain a free permit to walk more than 6 dogs off-leash at a time, applicants must:

- Articulate their experience walking dogs
- Review and comply with the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
- Ensure each dog is wearing a City licence tag
- Ensure each dog has good recall



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