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## 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