

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW 256-2022**

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, to clarify the role of self-defence in the determination of whether a dog is a dangerous dog.**

Whereas under section 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, the City may pass by-laws respecting animals;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, is amended by adding new subsections § 349-15C (3) and (4) as follows:
  - (3) Where an officer has concluded that a dog was acting in self-defence and elected not to issue an order to comply under Subsection C(2), that dangerous act will not be counted when determining if a subsequent dangerous act is the second or subsequent on record with the City under Subsection B(3).
  - (4) Where the Dangerous Dog Review Tribunal concludes that a dog was acting in self-defence at the time a dangerous act occurred and rescinded the determination of a dangerous dog on that basis, that dangerous act will not be counted when determining if a subsequent dangerous act is the second or subsequent on record with the City under Subsection B(3).

Enacted and passed on April 7, 2022.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk

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