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adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007
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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 790-2007

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, to require permits for commercial dog walkers.

WHEREAS under sections 7 and 8 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (the “Act”), the City may pass by-laws respecting the use of its parks system; and

WHEREAS Council has approved a commercial dog walker permit policy, to allow commercial dog walkers in the control of from four to six dogs to use the City’s parks provided they obtain a commercial dog walker permit; and

WHEREAS Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks must be amended to reflect the requirement for a commercial dog walker permit;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Chapter 608, Parks, of The City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended as follows:

A. Section 608-1 is amended as follows:

(1) By adding the following after “BICYCLE”:

“BLUE FLAG DESIGNATED BEACH — an internationally certified beach meeting water quality; environmental management; environmental education and information, safety and service standards.

COMMERCIAL DOG WALKER — A person in control of between four and six dogs while in a park.

COMMERCIAL DOG WALKER PERMIT — A permit authorizing a commercial dog walker to be in control of between four and six dogs while in a park.”

(2) By adding the following after “POST or POSTED”:

“PROHIBITED AREAS:

A. Natural or environmentally sensitive areas (including designated ravines, wooded or savannah areas, sites of natural or scientific interest, areas which have undergone significant habitat restoration, wetlands or their buffer zones).

B. Playgrounds, splash pads or wading pools.

- C. Horticultural display areas or ornamental gardens.
 - D. Skateboard bowls, tennis courts and other sports pads.
 - E. Sports fields and stadiums.
 - F. Artificial or natural ice rinks or toboggan hills.
 - G. Animal display areas.
 - H. Campgrounds or blue flag designated beaches.
 - I. Areas posted to prohibit dogs from entering.”
- B. Section 608-34A(2) is deleted and the following substituted:
- (2) “Excluding blind persons reliant upon a guide dog, allow the dog to enter a prohibited area.”
- C. Section 608-34B is amended by deleting “and” after subsection (4) and adding “and” and the following after subsection (5):
- (6) “Ensure that female dogs in heat and uncastrated male dogs are on a leash or chain at all times and do not enter a designated off-leash area.”
- D. Section 608-34C is deleted and the following substituted:

§ 608-34.1 Commercial dog walkers.

- A. While in a park:
- (1) No person shall have control of more than six dogs.
 - (2) No person shall have control of more than three dogs unless authorized by a commercial dog walker permit.
- B. While in a park, a commercial dog walker must:
- (1) Display the commercial dog walker permit in a visible manner when walking more than two dogs;
 - (2) Present the commercial dog walker permit to a provincial offences officer upon request; and
 - (3) Ensure that any dog in his or her control has a valid City of Toronto dog licence tag securely affixed at all times on the dog for which the tag is issued.

2. This by-law shall come into force on the later of September 4, 2007 and the day after the set fine order is issued by the Regional Senior Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 19th day of July, A.D. 2007.

SANDRA BUSSIN,
Speaker

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City Clerk

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