



The Corporation of the Township of King Report to Council

From: Corporate Services Department – Clerks Division

Report Number: COR-CLK-2025-001

Date: Monday, March 17, 2025

Title: **Kennel and Doggie Day Care Licensing Bylaw 2012-175 – Housekeeping Amendments**

Recommendation

1. That Council receive Report COR-CLK-2025-001; and
2. That Council adopt By-law Number 2025-009 at this evening's meeting of Council.

1. Report Highlights

- Staff are recommending a housekeeping amendment to the Kennel and Doggie Day Care Licensing By-law 2012-175 to be consistent with the Township's zoning by-laws.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to explain the nature of the housekeeping amendment to the [Kennel Licencing and Doggie Daycare By-law 2012-175](#) ("By-law 2012-175").

3. Background

Since the adoption of the By-law in 2012, Council has adopted new zoning by-laws, being:

- By-law 2016-071, the Zoning by-law for the Nobleton Urban Area;
- By-law 2017-066, the Zoning By-law for the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas; and,
- By-law 2022-053, the Zoning By-law for the Countryside.

Together, these zoning by-laws replaced By-law 74-53, which is the zoning by-law currently referenced in By-law 2012-175. All three (3) of the above-noted zoning by-laws include definitions, general provisions, requirements, and zone standards for kennels and doggie day cares (defined as 'pet day care' in the zoning by-laws). As a result of the passing of these zoning by-laws, the zoning provisions in By-law 2012-175 are now inconsistent with those in the zoning by-laws.

4. Analysis

Parts 6 and 9 of By-law 2012-175 provide provisions for kennels and doggie day cares. These provisions include zone requirements, minimum lot area requirements, and minimum setback requirements. Staff have reviewed these provisions and determined they are

inconsistent with the Township's three (3) new zoning by-laws as the provisions of the By-law relate to the previous requirements of zoning by-law 74-53.

Under the current zoning by-laws, the establishment of a new kennel or pet day care as a principal use on a lot is generally subject to the approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment application. In the rural areas of the Township, countryside zoning by-law 2022-053, as amended by By-law 2024-028, permits kennels as an on-farm diversified use, provided it is accessory to a principal agricultural use, and subject to an approved site plan, in the following zones:

- Rural Employment Greenbelt (RMG) zone;
- Agricultural (A) zone;
- Oak Ridges Moraine Linkage (ORL) zone, provided it is within the prime agricultural area as shown on Schedule B-2 to zoning by-law 2022-053;
- Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside (ORC) zone;
- Nobleton Village Reserve (NVR) zone; and
- Greenbelt Natural Heritage (GNH) zone.

Zoning by-law 2022-053 also provides general provisions for kennels and pet day cares that regulate minimum lot area and setback requirements. Further, zoning by-laws 2016-71 and 2017-66 include general provisions for pet daycares that include lot area and setback requirements. These general provisions and standards in the zoning by-laws reflect current Provincial policy regarding kennels and pet day cares.

Staff are recommending a housekeeping update to By-law 2012-175 to remove any reference to zoning provisions and replace them with a direct reference to the Township's zoning by-laws. This will eliminate any current conflicts with the zoning by-laws and provide clarity and consistency to the By-law so that it remains in conformity with the zoning by-laws in perpetuity.

Staff are also recommending another minor housekeeping change by updating Part 6, Section 27 of the kennel regulations to clarify floor drain requirements and move cage construction standards to another section. The update aims to ensure clarity and maintain the standards for kennel construction and care.

5. Financial Considerations

No immediate financial implications associated with this report.

6. Alignment to Strategic Plan

The 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan (CSP) was adopted by Council on June 12, 2023. The CSP reflects the priorities of upmost importance to the community and defines the obligations and commitments of the Township of King to its citizens and to the public. The

CSP is aligned with the Townships long-term vision defined in the “Our King” Official Plan. The CSP also aims to ensure that staff initiatives focus on and work towards supporting King’s Vision, Mission and Values.

This report is in alignment with the CSP’s Priority Area(s), and/or associated Objective(s) and/or Key Results(s):

Priority Area: Not Applicable.

Objective: Not Applicable.

Key Result: Not Applicable.

7. Conclusion

The proposed housekeeping update to By-law 2012-175 will ensure consistency, clarity, and eliminate conflicts.

8. Attachments

None.

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