

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 049-2025

A By-law to amend the Animal Control By-law 066-2020, as amended to: reflect changes to the legislative authority for municipalities to appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers; update other definitions; and, to clarify interpretation of the By-law.

WHEREAS paragraph 9 of subsection 11(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (the “*Municipal Act*”) states that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan enacted Animal Control By-law 066-2020, as amended, in which Animal Services Officers have the authority to enforce the By-law;

AND WHEREAS the definition of Animal Services Officers in the By-law includes municipal by-law enforcement officers that have been appointed under the authority of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15, which has been repealed and replaced by authority granted under section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1 (“*Community Safety and Policing Act*”);

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deem it necessary to amend the Animal Control By-law 066-2020, as amended, to reflect this change in legislative authority, and make other changes to definitions and provisions regarding the interpretation of the By-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To amend By-law 066-2020, as amended, as follows:
 - (a) renumber section 3.0(1) to 3.0(4);
 - (b) add sections 3.0(1) to 3.0(3) as follows:
 - (1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine and further, the converse of the foregoing also applies where the context requires.

- (2) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized and the whole word italicized, the term is being used as it is defined in 3.0(4) of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended.
- (3) Any reference to a statute, regulation, by-law or other legislation shall include such statute, regulation, by-law or legislation as amended, re-enacted, replaced, or superseded.
- (c) delete reference to “as amended”, “as amended, or its successor by-law”, “as amended, or its successor regulations”, “as amended or its successor regulation”, and “as amended or replaced”;
- (d) eliminate the lettering for each separate definition in section 3.0(4) and instead list all definitions in alphabetical order;
- (e) delete and replace the definition of Animal Services Officer with the following:
“Animal Services Officer” includes:
- (a) *Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers*;
 - (b) Animal Services Manager(s) or Supervisor(s); and
 - (c) any other person authorized by the *Director*, such as persons under contract to or appointed by the *City*;
- (f) add the definition of Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer as follows:
“Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, pursuant to section 15 of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 or section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, to enforce the provisions of this By-law;
- (g) delete and replace reference to Municipal Law Enforcement Officer with “*Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer*”.
- (h) delete and replace the definition of “Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law” with the following:
“Administrative Penalties By-law” refers to the *City Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024*;

- (i) delete and replace reference to “Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law” with “*Administrative Penalties By-law*”;
- (j) delete and replace reference to “administrative monetary penalties” with “administrative penalties”.
- (k) delete and replace reference to “administrative monetary penalty” with “administrative penalty”;
- (l) delete section 28.0(2);
- (m) add section 28.1 as follows:

28.1 Designated By-law

- (1) This is a designated by-law as per Schedule 1 of the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 25th day of February, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 13 of Report No. 1 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on January 28, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on February 25, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 002-2025 dated February 25, 2025.
Effective Date of By-Law: February 25, 2025