



City of Maple Ridge

## **Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437 - 2018**

Effective Date: June 12, 2018

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A bylaw to provide for prevention of wildlife attractants and vector control against spread of diseases.

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**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Maple Ridge deems it expedient to provide for a bylaw to provide for prevention of wildlife attractants and vector control against spread of diseases within the municipal boundaries of the City;

**And WHEREAS** paragraph 8 (3) (i) of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c. 26 provides general authority to regulate requirements by bylaw in relation to public health;

**And WHEREAS** paragraph 8 (3) (k) of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c. 26 provides general authority to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements by bylaw in relation to animals;

**AND WHEREAS** Council considers that it is desirable to protect the health of the public by requiring owners and occupiers of property in the City to prevent their property from becoming infested by vectors that may spread disease;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

**Part 1 Citation**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437 – 2018

**Part 2 Severability**

2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsequent, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

**Part 3 Definitions**

3.1 In this bylaw:

**Attractant** means any substance which could reasonably be expected to attract Wildlife or does attract Wildlife including but not limited to household refuse, kitchen waste, food products, beverage containers, barbecue grills, pet food, bird feed, diapers, grease barrels, fruit, oil and other petroleum products and chemical products;

**City** means the City of Maple Ridge;

**Collection day** means the day scheduled for collection of solid waste, food scraps and recyclable material from a Property in accordance with the schedule produced annually by the Recycling Society or other delegate appointed by Council or a private contractor providing such service to the Property;

**Owner** means any person who is the registered owner, or owner under agreement, of real property, and includes any person in actual or apparent possession of real property under a lease, licence or other agreement with another owner;

**Parcel** means any lot, block or other area in which land is held or into which it is subdivided, but does not include a highway;

**Pathogen** means an organism capable of causing disease in humans, animals or plants;

**Property** means any parcel of land in the City;

**Receptacle** means a household, light commercial, municipal, yard waste or special receptacle;

**Vector** means a carrier organism that is capable of transmitting a pathogen from one facility, waste source, product or organism to another facility, waste source, product or organism including but not limited to mice, rats and mosquitoes;

**Wildlife** means birds and any mammal not normally domesticated, including but not limited to bears, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, foxes, racoons, deer and skunks.

**Wildlife resistant container** means a solid waste container and device whose material and construction is of sufficient strength and design so as to prevent access by Wildlife during storage and which has been accepted as such by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation;

**Wildlife resistant enclosure** means a fully enclosed structure consisting of walls, roof and door(s) made of sufficient design and strength so as to prevent access by Wildlife and for clarity includes garage, shed or other structure that is inaccessible to Wildlife.

## Part 4 Prohibitions

4.1 No **Owner** or Occupier of **Property** within the **City** shall cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be caused by the presence of **Wildlife** or **Vectors** on that **Property**.

4.2 No **Owner** or Occupier of **Property** shall cause, permit or allow:

- 4.2.1 any building or improvement;
- 4.2.2 any brush, trees, weeds or other growths;
- 4.2.3 any water, whether moving or standing; or
- 4.2.4 any other condition;

on that **Property** to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract **Wildlife** or a **Vector**.

4.3 Except as provided in section 4.4, no person shall knowingly or willingly feed, or in any manner provide or furnish access to food or any other edible substance, to any **Wildlife**.

4.4 Bird feeders must be suspended on a cable or other device and in such a manner that they are inaccessible to **Wildlife** other than birds. The area below a bird feeder shall be kept free of the accumulation of seed and debris from the bird feeder at all times.

4.5 Every **Owner** or Occupier of **Property** within the **City** shall ensure that:

- 4.5.1 all fruit on trees or bushes be harvested immediately upon ripening;
- 4.5.2 all fallen fruit from trees or bushes be removed immediately;
- 4.5.3 bee hives are inaccessible to **Wildlife**;
- 4.5.4 grease containers are inaccessible to **Wildlife**;
- 4.5.5 outdoor refrigerators or freezers are inaccessible to **Wildlife**;
- 4.5.6 dairy products and proteins are not put into compost piles;
- 4.5.7 garbage and organic containers are inaccessible to **Wildlife**;
- 4.5.8 **Wildlife resistant containers** that are stored outside on the **Property** are locked except when set out for collection; and
- 4.5.9 all latching devices on **Wildlife resistant containers** are unlatched by 5:00 am on designated **Collection days** and re-locked by 7:00 pm on **Collection day** and kept locked until the following designated **Collection day**.

4.5.10 Every **Owner** or Occupier of a dwelling shall place solid waste and recycling receptacles at a point on the shoulder of the road or lane or adjacent to the curb in front of their premises or on their premises adjacent to the property line abutting the street or lane from which such collection service is provided no earlier than 5:00 am and no later than 7:00 am on **Collection day**. All receptacles shall be placed in such a position so as to be conveniently handled from ground level and readily accessible from such street, lane or sidewalk, and all such receptacles shall be removed from the street or lane allowance no later than 7:00 pm on **Collection day**.

4.6 Every **Owner** or Occupier of **Property** within the **City** shall prevent or cause to be prevented the infestation by vermin or other destructive insects or animals.

## **Part 5 Offence and Penalty**

5.1 Every person who violates a provision of this bylaw, or who consents, allows or permits an act or thing to be done in violation of a provision of this bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by a provision of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the penalties imposed under this bylaw, and is guilty of a separate offence each day that a violation continues to exist.

5.2 Every person who commits an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine or to imprisonment, or to both a fine and imprisonment, not exceeding the maximum allowed by the *Offence Act*.

**READ A FIRST TIME** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.

**READ A SECOND TIME** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.

**READ A THIRD TIME** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.

**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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**PRESIDING MEMBER**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**