THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTMEATH

BY-LAW NO. 77-7

A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTMEATH TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 68-20 TO REGULATE THE KEEPING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTMEATH

WHEREAS by Section 379, Subsection 1, of The Municipal Act it is provided that the Council of the Township may pass by-laws providing for animal control within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Westmeath deems it to be in the public's interest to amend Sections of By-law No. 68-20 with respect to the minimum redemption period for dogs.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF WESTMEATH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. THAT Section 1 of By-Law No. 68-20 be amended by adding thereto under the Definition Section a paragraph as follows:-

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- " REDEMPTION PERIOD: The minimum redemption period hereinafter referred to shall be three (3) days excluding the day in which the dog or cat was impounded or such longer period as is prescribed shall not include holidays nor shall it include any day in which the Pound is closed and is not a holiday. "
- 2. THAT Section 5 of By-Law No. 68-20 be amended by striking out all of Section 5 and substituting therefor the following:
- " 5. IMPOUNDMENT:- Unlicenced dogs or other animals found running at large may be taken up by the agents of the Corporation and impounded in a Township Dog Pound and there confined in a humane manner for not less than the Redemption Period and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owner. Dogs, cats or other animals not claimed by their owner at the time of the expiration of the redemption period shall become the

property of the Corporation and may be disposed of by the Corporation except as hereinafter provided in the case of certain animals.

- 3. THAT Section 7 of the said By-Law No. 68-20 be amended by striking out all of Section 7 and substituting therefor the following:-
- "7. The Corporation, or its agents may transfer title to all animals coming into its possession as set forth in Section 5 of this By-law and may dispose of such animals for and at its discretion providing the minimum Redemption Period has lapsed."
- 4. THAT Section 11 of the said By-law No. 68-20 be amended by striking out all of Section 11 and substituting therefor the following:-
- "ll. When dogs or cats or other animals are impounded and are not claimed by their owner within the time specified by this by-law, namely the Redemption Period, if deemed suitable pets, they may be placed under new owners who will agree to such conditions as the Corporation may prescribe, except, that no bitch or female cat shall be placed with a new owner unless such new owner shall agree to have such bitch or female cat spayed."
- 5. THAT Section 12 (c) of the said By-law No. 68-20 be amended by striking out all of Section 12 (c) of the said By-law and substituting therefor the following:-
- "12 (c) Any animal impounded under the provisions of this by-law and not redeemed by its owner within the time specified by this by-law, namely the Redemption Period, may be humanely destroyed by the Corporation or placed in the custody of some person deemed to be a responsible and suitable owner, who will agree to comply with the provisions of this by-law and such other regulations as shall be fixed by the Corporation."

THIS BY-LAW shall come into force and be effective from the date of the passing of this by-law.

READ a First and Second time this day of

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