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Dear Council of County of St. Paul No. 19,

I am writing in response to a letter we received September 2 regarding bylaws 1486, 1293 and 1313 in regards to dogs and chickens. We kindly ask for a review to amend both current bylaws.

In regards to bylaw 1293 and 1313, a change to have an over the limit permit for dogs.

An example: "Bylaw 1293/1313 section 3.6 be amended by addition of the following:

1. Any persons who harbours, boards, permits or shelters more than two(2) dogs over the age of six(6) months within the municipal boundaries of the county must purchase a over limit dog permit from an animal control officer.

2. The over limit dog permit can be revoked at anytime if any offences occur listed in Section 3 of dog control provisions.

3. A yearly fee must be paid of sixty (60) dollars per dog for the over limit dog permit to remain valid.

These changes are similar to those of the bylaws passed by the towns of Smokey Lake, Strathcona and Yellowhead. We encourage the changes since the bylaws are 15/14 years old. An example was also sent as to a permit application for your reference.

As a family we have had our two Chihuahuas, one Terrier/Poodle and an Australian Shepard/Collie for more than six years. The three dogs are house dogs, needing to stay warm/cool because of their size and our large dog, we keep especially for vandals and theft that are prevalent in town. We would like consideration made for people who are avid dog lovers and who are responsible pet owners.

In regards to the bylaw no. 1486 we request the following amendment:

- 7.8 1) No fur bearing animals, fowl or livestock other than domestic pets or laying hens may be kept on a parcel of less than 1.2ha(2.97ac) except that of horses, on the basis of one for each 1.2ha(2.97ac) of lot size, shall be allowed without a development permit.

Division 2
Laying Hens

2) No persons shall house more than five(5) laying hens, including chicks at any one time.

3)No roosters will be allowed in town.

4)The laying hens are to be kept for production of eggs only. No slaughtering or selling of laying hens is allowed.

5)Laying hens must be kept in a pen. A pen with a run attached no larger than 6ft long and 4ft wide.

6)The enclosure is to be at a minimum 10ft and 3 ft highland maximum of no more than 20ft and 6ft high or at the discretion of animal control officer.

7)The pen and run are to be approved and kept in a tidy manner.

8) No laying hens will be allowed to roam free in a yard.

9)Dead laying hens must be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

This is similar to a bylaw accepted by the town of Mundare. We purchased our laying hens for eggs for our family only. We value our right to food security, by growing gardens and having laying hens as a recognized principle of the United Nations in article 25. We also home school our children and see it as a vital part of their learning of animal care, food production, and science.

We hope that you to will see the need to make these changes to the bylaws in keeping up with the times and changes of the needs in our community. Thank you very much for you time and consideration in regard to this.

Sincerely,



Deseree and Daniel Mandel

County of St.Paul No.19
Over-Limit Application for Permit

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Current Dogs

#1_Breed _____ #4_Breed _____

#2_Breed _____ #5_Breed _____

#3_Breed _____ #6_Breed _____

Payment Received: _____ Date: _____

The following animals are requested for the property:

Breed _____ Breed _____

Breed _____ Breed _____

Dogs inside the home: _____ Dogs outside the home: _____

_____ This application has **NOT** been approved for the following reason(s) in Section 3:

Permit Number: _____ Permit Issuer: _____

Effective Date: _____

End Date: _____