



Dog Walker (Professional)

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Purpose:

To inform operators or potential operators of the Dog Walker (Professional) regulations and requirements to operate a Dog Walking (Professional) business in Richmond.

Background:

Dog Walker (Professional) regulations were introduced to limit dog walker businesses to designated off-leash areas with a maximum amount of six dogs permitted off-leash and to insure Liability Insurance was held by each Dog Walker (Professional).

Requirements:

- **Off-leash Permit** is required to 1) allow a maximum of six dogs off-leash while within the designated dog off-leash area at McDonald Beach Park; 2) allow a maximum of three dogs off-leash while within all other designated dog off-leash areas.
- **Identification Vest** assigned by the City, must be worn while walking more than three dogs off-leash at McDonald Beach Park.
- **Liability Insurance** must be maintained in amount of \$5,000,000 during the term of the licence with the City of Richmond named as additional insured.
- **Dog Licence** ensure all dogs under the care of the Dog Walker (Professional) are wearing a valid dog licence.
- **Documentation** must provide a signed copy of off-leash permit as well as a copy of valid liability insurance before the business licence will be issued.

Documents Required:

- \$5,000,000 General Liability Insurance ***naming the City of Richmond as additional insured***
- City of Richmond Business Licence Application Form
- Completed Off-Leash Permit Application Form

Person must have no history of non-compliance with this bylaw or other City bylaws.

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Notes:

Off-leash – **Six (6) dogs maximum (McDonald Beach Park only)**

Designated Sites:

- McDonald Beach (includes professional dog walkers);
- Dyke Trail – South foot of No. 3 Road;
- Vacant lot on Thompson Road in Hamilton area;
- Old Cambie School field;
- Shell Road Trail;
- Horseshoe Slough Trail.

If you should have any further questions, please contact the Business Licence Department at 604-276-4328 or email at buslic@richmond.ca.