Memorandum

TO: All Municipalities in Ontario
FROM: Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
DATE: September 28, 2012
SUBJECT: Banning the Sale of Cats and Dogs in Pet Stores

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on September 26, 2012, adopted the enclosed Resolution 0218-2012 with respect to forwarding Recommendation GC-0477-2012 banning the sale of cats and dogs from licensed pet shops that was adopted at Council on July 4, 2012.

GC-0477-2012
1. That a by-law be enacted to amend Schedule 20 of the Business Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended, to require pet shops to provide every purchaser of a cat or dog with a health assessment from a licensed veterinarian for all cats and dogs kept in the shop that receive veterinary care; and, that all pet shops that sell more than 10 cats or dogs per year, obtain these animals from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters or rescue groups.

2. That staff conduct quarterly proactive inspections of licensed pet shops that sell cats and/or dogs.

3. That staff work with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Investigation Unit on a continual basis to determine if any information exists related to the existence of kitten and puppy mills in Mississauga; and, that staff take appropriate enforcement action with local pet shops in Mississauga if these issues are uncovered.

4. That pet shops be permitted to sell their existing inventory of cats and/or dogs up to and including December 31, 2012 and that all future cat and/or dog acquisitions by pet shops who sell more than 10 cats or dogs per year be from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters or rescue groups and that staff work with pet shop owners on a program for animal licensing, in accordance with the amendments to Schedule 20 of the Animal Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended.

5. That the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services be requested to provide additional support to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) so that they can take further action against puppy mills in the Province of Ontario.
Sincerely,

Crystal Greer  
City of Mississauga  
Corporate Services Department  
Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk  
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Enc.
RESOLUTION 0218-2012
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on September 26, 2012

0218-2012 Moved by: Pat Saito Seconded by: Sue McFadden

That the Clerk forward Recommendation GC-0477-2012 adopted by Council on July 4, 2012 approving the passing of the By-law to ban the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores to major municipalities in Ontario.
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

BY-LAW NUMBER O152-2012

A by-law to amend By-law 1-06,
as amended, being a Business Licensing By-Law to regulate
the sale of dogs and cats in pet shops

WHEREAS subsection 150(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c25, as amended,
provides that a local municipality may license, regulate and govern any business wholly or partly
carried on within the municipality, even if the business is being carried on from a location
outside the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga has
enacted By-law 1-06, as amended, being the Business Licensing By-law;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 20 of By-law 1-06, as amended outlines certain terms and
conditions of licensing owners of pet shops, including the entry onto a register details of where
and from whom their animals were acquired;

AND WHEREAS in order to halt the proliferation of kitten and puppy mills, it is
necessary to ensure that all animals offered for sale or otherwise in licensed pet shops are
acquired only from certain reputable sources;

NOW THEREFORE The Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby
ENACTS as follows:

1. That Schedule 20 of By-law 1-06, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the
following subsections to Section 3:

(14) provide to every purchaser of a cat or dog a health assessment from a
licensed veterinarian for all cats and dogs kept in the shop that receive
veterinary care.

(15) if such person sells more than 10 cats or dogs per year, obtain these
animals from one of the following sources only: municipal animal
shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters; or rescue groups.

(16) notwithstanding section 3(15) of this Schedule 20, if such person sells
more than 10 cats or dogs per year, be permitted to sell their existing
inventory of cats and/or dogs that are obtained from sources other than
those as provided in section 3(15) of this Schedule 20, up to and including
December 31, 2012.
ENACTED and PASSED this 4 day of July, 2012.

[Signatures]

APPROVED
AS TO FORM
City Solicitor
MISSISSAUGA

Date 2012 07/05

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