

# Bylaw/Animal Control 2021 Budget

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control conducts enforcement on the various municipal bylaws that are under the purview of the County of Wetaskiwin, including, but not limited to the Dog Control Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw, Nuisance and Unsightly Bylaw, Noise Bylaw, Sand and Gravel Aggregate Levy Bylaw, and Municipal, Environmental, and Conservation Reserve Bylaw to name a few on a reactive complaint basis with proactive enforcement occurring within an area after the validation of the initial complaint to ensure fairness amongst citizens of a certain area. The Department comprises of two (2) full-time Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control Officers who serve a dual purpose for the County and one (1) Administrative Assistant, who also provides supplementary support to Protective Services and the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer on duties as assigned.

## FINANCIAL

	Budget 2020	Budget 2021	% Variance
Total Expenses	\$227,084	\$216,392	-4.71
Total Revenues	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.00
<b>Total Tax Support</b>	<b>-\$221,084</b>	<b>-\$210,392</b>	<b>-4.84</b>

The overall 4.84 percent decrease in overall Departmental Tax Support Needed is as a result of finding cost efficiencies, including funds related to salaries, throughout every line item throughout the Department, if possible.

## KEY OBJECTIVES

This budget reflects a zero-based budgeting approach maintaining the current level of service provided while continually improving upon the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Department as a whole, utilizing resources to their maximum potential.

## CHALLENGES

Increasing file numbers and interactions with members of the public with respect to Land Use Bylaw infractions of all natures and increased enforcement of all municipal bylaws based on complains received from citizens has led to the highest file count the Department has experienced over the past half decade or more, leading to the current complement of staff adequately managing, with support from the Community Peace Officers on a as needed basis.