TOWN OF STOUGHTON

BYLAW # 439/17

A BYLAW TO LICENSE, PROHIBIT, REGULATE AND CONTROL ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON.

WHEREAS, Clause 8(1)(k) of *The Municipalities Act* authorizes Council to license, regulate and control any animal or class of animals;

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed in public interest to regulate and control persons owning animals.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Stoughton in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

TITLE AND PURPOSE

- 1. (1) This bylaw may be referenced as the "The Animal Control Bylaw"
 - (2) The purpose of the Bylaw is to promote the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property in the Town of Stoughton, to ensure the humane treatment and control of animals and to regulate or prohibit the keeping of vicious animals within the Town.

PART 1 – DEFINITIONS

- 2. In this Bylaw, unless otherwise specified, the expression:
 - "Administrator" shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
 - "Animal Control Officer" means any person appointed by Council for the purpose of bylaw enforcement, any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and any other person or agency appointed by Council to restrain, receive or impound animals;
 - 'Animal Shelter' means any facility designated by the Town, and shall include the pound;
 - "Assist Dog" means a dog used to assist persons with disabilities or dogs used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - "Council" shall mean the council of the municipality;
 - "Dogs" or "Cats" includes all species of the animals commonly known as dogs or cats, male or female, and of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds;
 - "Excessive Barking" means barking or any noise that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property in the neighborhood;
 - "Judge" means a Provincial Court Judge;
 - "Leash" means a chain or other material capable of restraining the dog on which it is being used;
 - "License Year" means the period from January 1 to December 31 of the same year, both dates inclusive;
 - "Livestock" shall mean cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats or swine;
 - "Municipality" shall mean the Town of Stoughton;
 - "Nuisance" means a dog which is behaving in a manner that interferes with the personal comfort or amenities of a neighborhood;

- "Owner" means any person(s), partnership, association, or corporation owning, possessing, harbouring, having charge of or control over any animal, and includes a keeper of a dog or cat;
- "Pests" shall mean anything that causes trouble, annoyance, nuisances, discomfort, or destruction, including but not limited to, skunks, rabbits and raccoons;
- "Poultry" means a chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or other domestic fowl;
- "Pound" shall mean such premises and facilities as may be designated by council, from time to time, as the pound;
- "Pound Keeper" shall mean that person, corporation, society or organization as may from time to time be appointed by the municipality to maintain and administer the pound;
- "Running at Large" means if the animal is off the premises of its owner, and/or not being under immediate, continuous and effective control of its owner;
- "Vicious" means any dog, whatever its age, whether on public or private property which has without provocation;
 - (a) exhibited threatening behaviour which creates a reasonable threat of physical injury and may include growling, lunging, snarling or chasing in a menacing fashion; and/or
 - (b) caused serious injury which means a physical injury to another domestic animal or person that results in lacerations that may require sutures and/or
 - (c) bitten a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not and/or;
 - (d) done any act to injure a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not; and/or
 - (e) chased or otherwise threatened a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the person; and/or
 - (f) caused death to an animal/or person.

PART 2 - LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS

- 3. No owner of any dog or cat shall be in care and control of a dog or cat unless such dog or cat has been licensed for the current license year.
- 4. When applying for a license, the applicant must provide the following information:
 - a) description of the animal;
 - b) name and address of the owner or the keeper of the animal;
 - c) breed of the animal;
 - d) any other relevant information that may be required for the Animal Control Officer or appointed representative.
- 5. The issuing a license for a dog or cat, the municipality will provide the applicant with a tag and a receipt for the license fee.
- 6. The cost of a yearly license fee is \$20.00 per cat and/or dog.
- 7. The owner must ensure that the dog wears the current dog tag when the dog is off the property of the owner.
- 8. The license is not transferrable to any other animal or any other owner.

PART 3 - RESPONSIBILITY OF DOG AND CAT OWNERS

- 9. All dogs, when off the premises of its owner, must not be running at large.
- 10. The owner of a dog must ensure that his dog will not:

- a) bite a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not:
- b) do any act to injure a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not;
- c) chase or otherwise threaten a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner or not;
- d) cause damage to property;
- e) cause death to people or other animals.
- 11. (1) No owner of a dog shall allow the animal to become a nuisance by the sound of howling, whining or excessive barking, which can be heard by a person not on the same premises and which unreasonably disturbs or is likely to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of that person.
 - (2) A Judge, after convicting the owner of an offence under Sections 10 and 11 may, in addition to any other penalties impose the following:
 - a) direct the Animal Control Officer to give notice to such owner requiring the nuisance complained of to be abated so as to prevent the recurrence of any nuisance, or;
 - b) removal of the dog from town limits; or
 - c) if such nuisance continues, order said dog to be destroyed upon notice being given to the owner, unless the owner voluntarily agrees to dispose of the dog.
 - (3) Failure to comply with this Section will constitute an offence under this Bylaw.
- 12. (1) If a dog or cat defecates on any property other than the owners, the owner shall remove such feces immediately.
 - (2) Where, under Section 12(1) any owner of a dog or cat who contravenes Section 12(1) shall be guilty of an offence under this Bylaw.
- 13. (1) An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property.
 - (2) An Animal Control Officer or Bylaw Officer may serve an owner or occupant of private property with a notice to remove all animal feces from the property within 24 hours of service of the notice in accordance with Section 30.
 - (3) The Town may remove the feces from the property if:
 - a) the person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within 24 hours; or
 - b) after reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined.
 - (4) If the Town carries out the work under subsection (3), the costs and expenses incurred are a debt due to the Town and the Town may recover the costs and expenses by adding the costs and expenses to the taxes on the land on which the work was done.

NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS PERMITTED:

14. No person shall possess or harbour, or keep within the Town of Stoughton, more than two (2) Cats or two (2) Dogs or a combination of both, for a total of four (4) over the age of three months.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 15. No person may:
 - (1) untie, loosen or otherwise free an animal which has been tied or otherwise restrained; or
 - (2) negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which an animal has been confined and thereby allow an animal to run at large in the Town; or

(3) tease, entice, bait or throw objects at a dog or cat confined within its owner's property.

PART 4 - IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND CATS

- 16. (1) The Animal Control Officer may seize and impound;
 - a) any dog or cat found running at large
 - b) any unlicensed dog or cat found to be subject of a complaint
 - c) any dog or cat that has caused or alleged to have caused injury to a person or domestic animal
 - (2) The Animal Control Officer may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any dog which has been observed running at large.
 - (3) No person, including the person who is the owner of a dog which is being impounded or has been impounded, shall interfere with a Pound Keeper or, Animal Control Officer who is impounding any dog in accordance with the provision of this Bylaw.
- 17. Any person may restrain any dog running at large in the Town and must deliver such dog so restrained to the Animal Control Officer or Pound Keeper for impoundment. The Animal Control Officer or Pound Keeper may request a statement in writing describing the dog restrained, the name of the owner (if known) and the place and time of restraint.
- 18. When an impounded dog is wearing a collar to which is attached a dog tag, valid for the current year, the Pound Keeper and/or appointed representative must immediately give telephone and/or hand delivered written notice to the address of the owner of the dog as shown in the records made when the license was purchased. Unless the said dog is claimed and the fees as provided by this Bylaw are paid within 72 (Seventy Two) hours from the date of the Notice, the said dog may be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw and no liability whatsoever will be attached to the Town or Animal Control Officer or appointed representative by reason of the failure of the owner to receive such notice.
- 19. It shall be the duty of the Pound Keeper to provide to each dog impounded under the authority of this Bylaw, an adequate supply of food and fresh water during its confinement in the animal shelter and to maintain clean and properly ventilated pens or enclosures for impounded dogs.
- 20. (1) All dogs impounded in the Animal Shelter will be confined for a period of 72 (Seventy Two) hours from the time of capture during which time the owner, subject to Section 21, shall have the right to repossess the said dog upon paying to the Animal Shelter or appointed representative, the amount due to the Animal Shelter.
 - (2) No unlicensed dog, which is impounded, shall be released to its owner or to any other person until the appropriate pound fee is paid and a violation ticket is paid if any.
- 21. (1) Subject to subsection (2), no dog shall be released from the pound unless:
 - a) a certificate is produced that the dog has a current vaccination certificate against rabies, and
 - b) a license is obtained for such dog should a license be required under the Bylaw.
 - (2) The requirements of clause (a) and/or (b) may be met by a prospective owner signing a declaration as provided in Schedule 'C' that the vaccination must be obtained within 30 days from the possession of the dog.

DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED DOGS AND CATS

- 22. If an impounded dog is not claimed within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the dog is received at the pound, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, and the fees, if any, are not paid, the dog may be disposed of by the Pound Keeper without further notice in the following manner:
 - a) when the animal is not licensed, disposal be adoption, where in the opinion of the Pound Keeper the dog is suitable for adoption;

- b) disposal by euthanasia where in the opinion of the Pound Keeper the animal is not suitable for adoption;
- c) disposal by euthanasia if the animal is not adopted within a reasonable time, at the discretion of the Pound Keeper.
- The proceeds received from the adoption are kept by the Pound Keeper as provided for in the agreement between the Town and the Pound Keeper.
- 24. The Council may, by resolution, enter into an agreement with any person or organization for the purpose of participation in the enforcement of this Bylaw or for the purpose of providing pound keeping services.

PART 5 - VICIOUS DOGS

- 25. (1) The Town may deem any dog vicious where it feels it is in the best interest of public safety.
 - (2) Any owner of a vicious dog must ensure that:
 - a) it does not bite, injure, chase or attack a person or other animal whether on the property of the owner or not:
 - b) when it is on the property of the owner it is confined in:
 - (i) an enclosed area or in a fenced yard as described in Appendix 'B' indicating the presence of a vicious dog, or
 - (ii) a dwelling and under the control of a person over the age of sixteen
 - (16) years, and
 - c) when it is off the property of the owner it is securely:
 - (i) muzzled, and
 - (ii) harnessed or leashed in a manner that prevents it from biting, chasing or attacking a person or other animal, and
 - (iii) Harnessed or leashed in a manner that prevents it from causing death to a person or other animal.
 - (3) The Town may order any dog removed from town limits for the benefit of public safety.
 - (4) After a period of two years after a dog has been deemed to be ordered a "vicious dog" the owner may apply to a Judge for an Order declaring the dog to no longer be deemed vicious. This order can only be granted after a hearing during which the owner shall have the onus of proving the following:
 - a) that the town was provided with at least two weeks written notice of the hearing;
 - b) that the dog did not during the preceding twenty four (24) months:
 - (i) bite a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not;
 - (ii) do any act to injure a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not;
 - (iii) chase or otherwise threaten a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner.
 - (iv) cause damage to property or other animals;
 - (v) cause death to an animal or person.
 - c) provide proof the dog has successfully completed an obedience training class.
 - (5) Where the vicious dog is moved to a different city or municipality, the owner shall notify the municipality where the vicious dog is being moved to.
 - (6) Where the vicious dog is to be sold or given away, the owner shall:
 - a) notify any prospective owner that the dog has been declared vicious, before it is sold or given away; and
 - b) notify the Town of the name, address and telephone number of any new owner of the vicious dog.
 - (7) An approved enclosure must be erected or in place within 15 (Fifteen) days of receiving a vicious dog order. Failure to erect an enclosure within the time frame is an offence under this bylaw.

(8) For the purposes of this section, an animal is presumed not to have been provoked, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

DANGEROUS ANIMAL HEARINGS

- 26. (1) If a complaint is made, or in the opinion of the Town, an animal is dangerous, a Judge shall hold a hearing to determine if, based on the evidence adduced at the hearing, the animal is, in fact, dangerous.
 - (2) Notice of the hearing referred to in subsection (1) shall be served upon the owner of the animal in accordance with Section 30.
 - (3) Where an owner does not appear at the time and place appointed for the hearing after having been notified of that time and place, the judge may proceed *ex parte* to hear and determine the proceedings in the absence of the owner as fully and effectively as if the owner was present.

QUARANTINE OF ANIMALS

27. Where an animal has bitten a person, the owner of the animal shall, unless the animal is ordered destroyed, quarantine the animal for observation for symptoms of rabies for a period of not less than ten days in accordance with the *Animal Disease and Protection Act* (Canada).

RABIES TEST OF ANIMALS

- 28. Any animal suspected of having rabies or other life threatening disease will be isolated and may not be claimed from the pound, destroyed or otherwise disposed of except after further notice to the Medical Health Officer, and then only in compliance with the direction of the Medical Health Officer.
- 29. (1) Every person who destroys an animal following the non-fatal biting of a person or domestic animal, whether the destruction is pursuant to an order of a judge or court or at the decision of the owner of the animal, shall, if the destruction is carried out before the completion of the quarantine period mentioned in Section 28, retain the head of the animal in a manner usable for testing the animal for rabies.
 - (2) Where a person destroys an animal in the circumstances described in subsection (1), the person shall immediately notify a Veterinarian or a Peace Officer that he is in the possession of the head of an animal to be tested for rabies.

PART 6 - SERVICE OF ORDERS

- 30. (1) Except where otherwise provided for in this Bylaw, any notice, order or other document required by this Bylaw to be given or served may be served;
 - a) personally;
 - b) by registered mail to the last known address of the person being served;
 - c) by hand delivering a copy of the notice, order or document to the known address of the person being served; or
 - d) by posting a copy of the notice, order or document at the land, building or structure or on a vehicle to which the notice, order or document relates.
 - (2) A notice, order or document served in accordance with clause (1)(b) is deemed to have been served on the fifth day after the date of its mailing.
 - (3) A notice, order or document served in accordance with clause (1)(c) or d) is deemed to have been served on the day after the day of its delivery of posting.
 - (4) If service cannot be effected in accordance with subsection (1):
 - a) the notice, order or other document may be served by publishing it in two (2) issues of a newspaper circulating in the Town; and
 - b) for the purposes of clause (a), the second publication must appear at least three
 - (3) days before any action is taken with respect to the matter to which the notice, order or document relates.

PART 7 - OTHER ANIMALS

31. It shall be unlawful to keep live poultry, livestock, pigeons and/or bees, within the boundaries of the Town of Stoughton, except on the premises of the Stoughton Fairgrounds in connection with shows, fairs, and/or exhibitions held with the permission of the Stoughton Parks & Recreation Board.

PART 8 - CONTROL AND REGULATION OF EXOTIC AND WILD ANIMALS

- 32. (1) No person shall own or harbour any animal, or hybrid of any animal, of the kind listed in "Schedule "E" for any purpose.
 - (2) No person, may buy, sell, trade, or exhibit any animal or hybrid of any animal of the kind listed in Schedule "E".
 - (3) Any person found responsible for allowing an animal or hybrid of any animal of the kind listed in Schedule "E" to run at large will be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalty in Schedule "B".
- No person, partnership or corporation, whether operated separately or in connection, with another business, shall operate a pet store that buys, sells, trades, exhibits or harbours any animal or hybrid of any animal of the kind listed in Schedule "E".
- 34. The following are permitted to harbour an animal or a hybrid of an animal of the kind listed in Schedule "E" in the following places or circumstances:
 - a) in a veterinary hospital under the care of a licensed veterinarian;
 - b) by anyone holding a license under any statute of the Legislature of Saskatchewan or the Government of Canada, which permits the keeping of animals under stated conditions.

PART 9 - PENALTY PROVISIONS

- 35. (1) Where an Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, he may serve upon such person a Bylaw Ticket as shown in Schedule 'D', as provided by this section, either personally or by mailing or leaving same at his last known address and such service will be adequate for the purpose of this Bylaw.
 - (2) A Bylaw Ticket may be served;
 - a) in person or
 - b) by hand delivery or mail to the last known address

The ticket is deemed to have received when served, or twenty four (24) hours after hand delivered or mailed.

- (3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or both; and b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$25,000.00 or imprisonment of the directors of the corporation for not more than one (1) year or both.
- (4) Bylaw tickets must state the section of the Bylaw being contravened and the amount of the fine.
- (5) If payment is made within 20 (Twenty) days from the date of the bylaw ticket being issued, a summons to appear in court will not be issued.
- (6) Where any person contravenes the same provision of this Bylaw two or more times within one twelve month period, the penalty payable in respect of the subsequent contravention is double the amount shown in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person to whom a bylaw ticket has been issued pursuant to this section may exercise his right to defend any charge of committing a contravention of any of the provisions of this Bylaw.

SUMMARY CONVICTION

- 37. (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, or neglects or refuses to comply therewith, is guilty of an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to:
 - a) a fine in the amount set out in Schedule "B"; or
 - b) in the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or both; and not less than \$100.00
 - c) in the case of a corporation, to a fine not exceeding \$25,000.00 or imprisonment of the directors of the corporation for not more than one (1) year or both.
 - (2) Any person(s) who is served with a Bylaw Ticket in accordance with this Bylaw:
 - a) who has failed to pay the amount of the fine in the Bylaw Ticket within the time period specified in Section 35(5); and
 - b) has not, within the aforesaid time period, disputed the Bylaw Ticket by serving a written notice of same to the Administrator, is deemed not to wish to dispute the contravention set out in the Bylaw Ticket.
 - (3) The levying and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any period provided in this Bylaw will not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs for which he is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - (4) A Judge, in addition to the penalties provided in this section, may if he or she considers the offence sufficiently serious, direct or order the owner of the dog to stop the animal from doing mischief or causing the disturbance or nuisance complained of, or to have the animal removed from the Town, or have the animal destroyed.
 - (5) A Judge, after convicting the owner of a dog of an offence under Section 26(1) may, in addition to any other penalties imposed or orders made, and without further notice or hearing, declare the subject dog a dangerous dog.

SEVERABILITY

38. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Bylaw is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion will be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and the holding of the court will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Bylaw.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- 39. Bylaw #380/10 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
- 40. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing thereof.

Bill Knous, Mayor

R. C. Miskolczi, Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw #439/17 Adopted by resolution of Council On the 19th day of September, 2017.

R. C. Miskolczi, Administrator

SCHEDULE "A"

THE ANIMAL CONTROL ANNUAL LICENSE FEE

ANI	IMAL LICENSE	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	Male or Female	\$20.00
2.	Male or Female declared vicious	\$50.00
3.	Service dog	No Charge

SCHEDULE "B"

AMOUNTS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TOWN IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION

OFENCE UNDER Section 6	OFFENCE Unlicensed animal Failure to show evidence of payment	AMOUNT \$100.00 \$100.00
	of license fee. False information	\$100.00
Section 7	Dog was not wearing dog tag off the Owner's property	\$100.00
Section 9	Dog at large	\$100.00
Section 10(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	Biting a person(s) Injure a person(s) Chase or otherwise threaten a person(s) Cause damage to property or other animals Cause death to a person or other animal	\$200.00 \$200.00 \$150.00 \$200.00 \$400.00
Section 11 (1) (2)	Permitting a dog to become a nuisance Disobeying Judges order	\$100.00 \$200.00
Section 12 (1)	Defecation – property other than owner	\$100.00
Section 13	Allowing animal feces to accumulate on Property	\$150.00
Section 14	Exceeding maximum number of dogs/cats	\$100.00
Section 15 (1)	Untie or free an animal	\$100.00
(2)	Willfully open gate or door	\$100.00
(3)	Tease; throw things at dog	\$100.00
Section 16 (3)	Interference with enforcement	\$500.00
Section 25 (2)(a)	Vicious dog biting, injuring, chasing or attacking a person or animal whether on	Ф400 00
(b)(i)	the property of the owner or not Vicious dog not fenced and chained or	\$400.00
(ii)	Signed Vicious dog in dwelling not under control	\$400.00
	by person over 16 years of age	\$400.00
(c)(i)	Vicious dog not muzzled	\$400.00
(ii)	Vicious dog not harnessed or leashed	\$400.00
(iii)	Vicious dog killing person or other animal	\$500.00
(5)	Failure to notify change of address	\$300.00
(6)	Failure to report sale, move or giving away of vicious dog	\$300.00
(7)	Failure to erect enclosure within 30 days	\$300.00
Section 28	Failure to allow to be isolated	\$100.00
Section 32 (1)	Owning and harbouring Exotic and Wild Animals	\$400.00
(2)	Buying, selling, trading or exhibiting Exotic and Wild Animals	\$500.00
(3)	Exotic and Wild Animal running at large	\$200.00

SCHEDULE "C"

DECLARATION TO HAVE DOG LICENSED AND VACCINATED

I,	of of ch is released to me by the Stoughton Veterinary Service cinated for rabies and licensed as required by the Town of ithin 30 days.				
I acknowledge that failure to comply with this declaration may result in prosecution under Section 21(2) of the Animal Control Bylaw.					
Dog Owner	Description of Dog/Cat				
Address	Date				
	Witness				

SCHEDULE "D"

BYLAW VIOLATION NOTICE

SCHEDULE "E"

BEING A LIST OF ANIMALS THE KEEPING OF WHICH IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON

All Arachnids dangerous to humans (such as scorpions and tarantulas, except tarantulas of the genera Aphonopelma, Avicularia and Grammostola)

All Artiodactylus Ungulates, (such as domestic goats, sheep, cattle and pigs)

All bats

All Canids, except the domestic dog.

All Crocodilians (such as alligators, crocodiles and caimans)

All Edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)

All Elephants.

All Felids, except the domestic cat.

All Hyenas.

All Marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)

All Mustelids (such as skunks, weasels, otters and badgers) except the domestic ferret.

All non-human Primates (such as gorillas and monkeys)

All Perissodactylus Ungulates, except the domestic horse, mule and ass.

All Pinnipeds (such as seals, fur seals and walruses.

All Procyonids (such as raccoons, coatis and cacomistles)

All Raptors, diurnal and nocturnal (such as eagles, hawks and owls)

All Ratite Birds (such as Ostriches, rheas and cassowaries)

All snakes of the families Pythonidae and Boidae.

All Ursids (bears)

All venomous Reptiles and Amphibians.

All Viverrids (such as mongooses, civets and genets)

Examples of animals of a particular prohibited group are given in parentheses. They are examples only and shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group.