

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** May 20, 2021 at 6:22:27 PM EDT

**To:** Chris Peabody

**Subject:** Late Fees

Dear Council of Municipailty of Brockton,

I am writing this letter to request a review of a late fees on dog tags.  
The late fee \$20 & an additional \$20 for neglecting the late fee, \$40 total.  
I'm asking the late fees be removed in good faith of fees being paid even in uncertain times.

I had to relocate into Walkerton in early 2020 due to unhealthy circumstances.  
I am not sure if due to covid or the mail system or my former residence- I did not receive my notice for my dog tag renewal.

I understand this is an annual obligation, although life went astray with covid and the 2020 payment was made late.

I have since paid both my 2020 & 2021(on time) tag fees.

Unfortunately, I do not have the secondary dog in my custody as my former roommate is withholding her/the female and I am in the lengthy process of small claims court to have her safety returned. I still have paid the dog tag fees.

I understand late fees and I am not expecting special treatment. That being said I am a realistic person and I am not alone in seeing this doubled late fee as unreasonable.

I have made reasonable attempts to clearly resolve this. I have been persistent.  
I have questioned the duties of the Animal Control Officer (wishing the dog could be retrieved) and I also  
\*know there are significant issues both pet related & not in the municipality that require more attention.

I hope you will respect my attempts of resolution including healthy matter of fact communication with the municipal staff/council & mayor.

The municipality has already invested a portion of this fee seeking it and to further pursue these monies may become extensive.

I believe due to a combination of circumstances the late fees should be waived.

I will continue to acknowledge my dog ownership & responsibilities\* for my pets including paying my dog tag fees so long as I live in the community.

My sincere hope is that you will recognize the level of necessity to pursue late fees with grander issues in need of attention in the community.

I appreciate your time to review my concern and hope this letter will be final resolution.

Truly,  
[REDACTED]