

CITY OF BETHEL
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #2

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON ANY LOOSE OR WANDERING DOGS WITHIN THE BETHEL CITY LIMITS COMMENCING ON AUGUST 11, 1979, FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

- 1) An emergency health condition exists based upon the following:
 - a) That 36 dog bites have been reported to Public Health Service, Environmental Health Services Branch since January 1, 1979 and;
 - b) That the number of dog bites has risen from and average of one per month to 22 within the last 60 days and;
 - c) That one individual is presently undergoing rabies prophylax treatment and;
 - d) That the Public Health Service Hospital Director and the medical staff request immediate preventive measures be taken to control the incidence of dog attacks on human and;
 - e) That the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Emergency Medical Services Director and staff urge immediate action to prevent any further incidents that endangers the health of the community;
- 2) It is hereby enacted by the City Council of the City of Bethel that based on the aforementioned conditions, the Bethel Code of Ordinances, Title 13, Chapter 13.04 Animal Control be amended to read:

13.04.010 Definitions

(E) That the City of Bethel, Police Department are hereby appointed as Auxillary Animal Control Agents.

13.04.050 Identified Loose Dogs

Any loose dog or other animals within the City of Bethel, with the "City of Bethel License Tag" displayed on it collar, wandering at large, may be impounded and held in impoundment subject to fees paid by the owner or keeper for such impoundment and care as provided

at the City Dog Pound, OR MAY BE DESTROYED BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENT OR DESIGNEE.

- 3) Based on the incidence of dog bites the Bethel City Council hereby states that all loose or wandering dogs that threaten or endanger humans lives will be destroyed.

Be it resolved that Emergency Ordinance #2 will be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
1979.

MAYOR

ATTEST:
