

ORDINANCE# 49

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING Ordinance No. 4, Ordinance No. 18, and Ordinance No. 20. AN ENACTING AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL, REGULATE, MAINTAIN DOG POUND AND DOG CONTROL AGENT, IMPOUND DOGS, LICENSE DOGS, PROVIDE FEES AND PENALTIES AND DISPOSITION THEREOF: AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1: REPEALER:

Ordinance No. 4, No. 18, and No. 20 of the Ordinances of the City of Bethel, Alaska is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: DEFINITION:

- (A) "DOG" shall mean all canines four months of age or older.
- (B) Dog Control Agent-salaried City Employee of Public Safety Department under the direction of the Director of Public Safety who shall be responsible for the licensing of dogs, rabies control, investigation of dog bites, complaints and maintaining the Dog Control Program and the City Dog Pound.
- (C) Dog Pound- City maintained impoundment pens for dogs and other animals located by the City Jail.

SECTION 3: SECURING DOGS:

All dogs four months of age or older allowed out side the confines of their owners or keepers homes or property and not under the direct physical control or command of their owner or keeper shall be securely restrained by means of a chain, harness, or leash.

SECTION 4: WHERE RESTRAINED:

All dogs shall be restrained by chain or leash at a safe distance from public streets, public walkways, public paths and playground areas.

SECTION 5: UNIDENTIFIED DOGS:

Any loose dogs in the City of Bethel without "City of Bethel License Tag," wandering at large so as to endanger people or destroying property and destroying trash containers foraging food may be impounded or shot by the Dog Control Agent.

SECTION 6: IDENTIFIED LOOSE DOGS:

Any loose dog within the City of Bethel with the "City of Bethel License Tag" displayed on collar, wandering at large endangering humans, destroying property, disturbing trash containers, foraging for food, 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.

SECTION 7: CITY DOG POUND:

The City of Bethel shall maintain City Dog Pound under the direction of the Director of Public Safety with the Dog Control Agent as his designee to maintain such Dog Pound in a orderly manner and sanitary manner and provide adequate protection for such dogs confined there.

SECTION 8: DOG LICENSE:

(A) A City Dog License shall be required for all dogs four months of age or older within the City of Bethel. The license shall be issued for a 2 year period. A rabies shot, a rabies tag and a City Dog License Tag shall be given by the Dog Control Agent for each at the cost of \$1.00 per dog.

(B) A City Dog License Kennel Permit shall be made available to those dog owners and keepers who have in excess of 5 working dogs or teams. The fee shall be eight dollars (\$8) for a 2 year period. Each dog shall receive rabies shots, rabies tag, and City Dog License Tag. The kennel license shall be displayed in the owners or keepers home and may be suspended for failure or neglect to maintain a orderly and sanitary kennel.

SECTION 9: LENGTH OF IMPOUNDMENT

(A) Any loose wandering unidentified dog without a City Dog License Tag which is impounded shall be held for a five (5) day period to allow the owner or keeper to claim such dog subject to impoundment fees levied.

(B) Any loose wandering identified dog with a City Dog License Tag which is impounded shall be held for a five (5) day period after notification to such owner or keeper that the dog is impounded subject to impoundment fees levied.

(C) Any dog suspected to have rabies or that has bitten a human and has not had a rabies shot must be restrained at a safe place at the residence of the owner or keeper or impounded in the City Dog Pound subject to impoundment fees levied and shall be held, restrained and observed for a minimum 10 day period.

SECTION 10: IMPOUNDMENT FEES:

(A) Dogs found loose and wandering with a City Dog License Tag shall be taken to the owner or impounded at the City Dog Pound and the owner or keeper notified by phone, person, or letter that their dog is being held in the pound. A fee of 50¢ (fifty-cents) shall be levied per day after notification is given.

(B) Dogs found loose and wandering without a City Dog License Tag shall be impounded and an impoundment fee of \$2.00 (two-dollars) levied with 50¢ (fifty-cents) per day thereafter.

(C) Dogs may be boarded at the City Dog Pound upon request from owners or keepers. The fee shall be \$1.00 (one-dollar) per day if food is provided by the owner or keeper.

SECTION 11: DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS:

- (A) Unidentified dogs without City Dog License Tags shall be held for a 5 (five) day period for claiming and not be disposed of until the 8th day subject to impoundment fees. If not claimed by the 8th day, the dog shall become the property of the City of Bethel and may be sold, given away, or disposed of by the discretion of the Dog Control Agent. All dogs sold, given away, bought at the pound, not vaccinated for rabies must receive a rabies shot and City Dog License payable by the claimant, owner, or new owner before the dog is released from the pound.
- (B) IDENTIFIED DOGS: All identified dogs with City Dog License Tags not claimed by the owner or keeper by the 8th day after receiving notification that their dog was impounded, shall become the property of the City of Bethel and may be sold, given away, or disposed of at the discretion of the Dog Control Agent.
- (C) Unwanted or abandoned dogs and animals brought to the pound by citizens for impoundment shall become the property of the City of Bethel and may be sold, given away or disposed of at the discretion of the Dog Control Agent.

SECTION 12: RABIES CONTROL:

- (A) The City of Bethel Dog Control Agent under the direction of the Director Public Safety shall engage, co-operate with other agencies, investigate and program a Rabies Control Program for the City of Bethel, Alaska.
- (B) A dog suspected of having rabies shall be impounded at the City Dog Pound or at a safe place by the owner or keeper of dog and observed for a 10 day period by the Dog Control Agent. A owner or keeper of a dog having bitten a human and is impounded to observe for Rabies must bear the expense of boarding a dog stated in Section 10 (C).
- (C) Any dog suspected of Rabies and loose, running at large uncontrolled and evades attempts to be caught shall be shot and the head be sent to the Arctic Health Laboratory for examination of rabies disease.

SECTION 13: PENALTIES:

Any person or persons who opens a vehicle being used to transport dogs to the City Dog Pound or doors of the City Dog Pound with the intent of allowing impounded dogs to escape, such person or persons upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$10.00 (ten-dollars).

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska.

FIRST READING MAY 8, 1972

SECOND READING MAY 8, 1972

PASSED AN APPROVED THIS 22nd day of MAY 1972

ATTEST:

MAYOR

Ruth M Richardson
CITY CLERK

MODIFICATION #1 OF ORDINANCE NO 49
ANIMAL CONTROL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, TITLE 13, SECTION 13.04.070 KNOWN AS LICENSING OF DOGS, AND SECTION 13.04.090 KNOWN AS IMPOUNDMENT FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL.

That Section 13.04.070 of the Animal Control Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

13.04.070 LICENSING OF DOGS

- (A) A City of Bethel Dog License shall be required for all dogs four months of age or older within the City of Bethel. The license shall be issued for a period of one (1) year and a valid rabies immunization tag and/or certificate is necessary before issuance of the City license. The cost of the City license shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per year for all dogs except that spayed females and neutered males shall be licensed for a fee of one (\$1.00) dollar.
- (B) A City Dog License kennel shall be made available to those dog owners and keepers who have four (4) or more dogs. The fee shall be thirty (\$30.00) dollars for a one year period. Each dog must have a valid rabies tag and/or certificate before a kennel permit is issued. Each dog licensed under a kennel permit shall receive a City of Bethel Dog tag and a record of the kennel permit shall be kept on file by the Animal Control Agent. Failure by the owner to maintain an orderly and sanitary kennel may result in the suspension of the kennel permit.

and Section 13.04.090 of the Animal Control Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

13.04.090 IMPOUNDMENT FEES

- (A) Dogs or other animals found loose and wandering with a City Dog License Tag shall be taken to the owner or impounded at the City Dog Pound and the owner or keeper notified by phone, in person, or by letter that their dog is being held in the pound. A fee of ten dollars shall be levied per day after notification is given upon first impoundment. A fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars shall be levied per day after notification is given to the owner upon second impoundment of the same animal. A fee of \$20.00) dollars shall be levied per day after notification is given to the owner upon a third impoundment of the same animal and every other impoundment thereafter.
- (B) Dogs or other animals found loose and wandering without a City Dog License Tag shall be impounded and an impounded fee of Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars levied with ten (\$10.00) dollars per day thereafter. In addition, the dog must have a valid rabies immunization tag as well as a current license before it is released.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 8th day of January, 1979.

APPROVED BY:

Donald Elliott
Donald Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irene Williams
Irene Williams, City Clerk