

ORDINANCE # 128

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bethel that:

Chapter 13.04 of the Bethel Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Section .115 Emergency Dog Control.

(A) Whenever there exists a substantial problem of unconfined and free roaming dogs, and this problem shall be of such a nature as to exceed the ability of the Animal Control Officer to safely and adequately deal with such loose dogs, the Chief of Police may declare an emergency dog control program into effect. In determining whether an emergency program shall be declared, the Chief of Police shall consider:

- (1) The number of citizen complaints;
- (2) The nature of citizen complaints;
- (3) The existence of reported rabies cases or other contagious diseases carried by dogs;
- (4) The ability of the City Dog Pound to safely care for additional animals;
- (5) Other relevant factors.

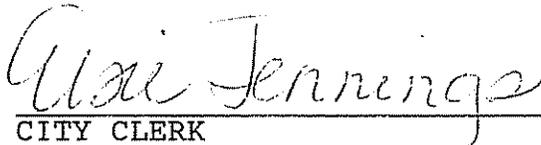
(B) If an emergency dog control program is declared, such emergency program shall be announced by posting notice in at least three (3) places with the City; by announcing such program at least once daily on local radio or television; and by noticing such program in a newspaper of local circulation at least once.

(C) At the conclusion of seven (7) days after such announcement shall first be noticed, the Chief of Police may order the destruction of free-roaming dogs by specified public safety personnel and/or the animal control officer. Such emergency control program shall be in effect for no more than thirty (30) days, and may be extended only by resolution of the Council, after public hearing.

DATED this 27 day of April, 1981.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK