

CHAPTER 8.15: ANIMAL CONTROL

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8.15.010. Purpose

It is hereby declared to be the purpose of this chapter to regulate loose animals that threaten life and property of residents of Aniak, Alaska. The City Council hereby establishes an Animal Control Ordinance for thoughtful protection of both people and animals in the City of Aniak.

8.15.020. Definitions

As used in this chapter, each of the following terms shall have the meaning herein stated:

- A. **City Manager:** The City Manager of Aniak or his designee.
- B. **Animal Control Officer:** The designee of the City Manager responsible for enforcing the City of Aniak's Animal Control Ordinance.
- C. **Disposal:** The action of taking an animal that presents a threat to life and property of a resident of the City of Aniak, either by allowing an "adoption" or euthanize the animal posing a threat to the Community of Aniak.
- D. **Adoption:** Finding a responsible animal owner who will care for the animal while following the guidelines set forth by the City of Aniak for the unattended, captured animal within the City limits of Aniak.
- E. **Reasonable:** As much as is appropriate or fair, moderate.
- F. **Euthanize:** put (a living being, especially a dog or cat) to death humanely.

8.15.30 General Provisions

- A) All animals six months or older shall be securely confined, tied or chained, as to pose no threat to life or property within the City.
- B) All Animals six months or older shall have a dog collar that indicates its name, rabies vaccination and owners phone number.

- C) Any animal posing a threat to a person or property or is deemed “dangerous” may be subject to immediate disposal without notification of the owner. When available the Troopers or VPSO will be called upon to euthanize dangerous animals.
- D) Loose or unattended animals may be captured (or documented as “loose” by photograph) by the City’s representative. When an animal is deemed in violation of this ordinance;

1. The owner will be notified of the violation.

2. If an animal is captured, the owner will be notified to pay capture fine of \$20.00 (separate from the Violation fine). Animals may be claimed by the animal’s owners once the owner is identified and capture fines are paid. Capture and confinement fines and Violation fines must be paid prior to the animal being released.

3. If ownership cannot be determined the animal will be confined for three days while the City does a reasonable search for the animal’s owner. If ownership cannot be established, the animal will be declared abandoned.

4. Abandoned animals may be disposed of after 10 days of confinement.

8.15.040. Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by a representative of the City of Aniak or by an acting VPSO or Trooper. In the case of dangerous animals, the Troopers will be called immediately.

8.15.050. Penalties

Each violation of this ordinance shall be punished by fines as listed. Unpaid fines will be added to owner’s public works bill.

1. First violation will be a warning citation and letter
2. Second violation will be a \$100.00 fine,
3. Third violation will be a \$150.00 fine;
4. All subsequent violations will be a \$75.00 fine.
5. There will be a \$25.00 per day fee for animals kept in confinement for over 24 hours.