

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Department of Health
and Human Services
For reading: October 22, 2013

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2013-116

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AMENDING
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 17.30.070 AND 17.30.080 TO
PROVIDE EXEMPTION FROM QUARANTINE FOR POLICE DOGS.**

WHEREAS, the dogs owned by the Anchorage Police Department are an integral part of the police force and when the dogs are quarantined they cannot perform their valuable role;

WHEREAS, dogs owned by the Anchorage Police Department receive the utmost in medical care, including keeping current on rabies vaccinations, making them highly unlikely rabies carriers;

WHEREAS, dogs owned by the Anchorage Police Department are rarely separated from their handlers; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code title/chapter/section is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

17.30.070 Disposition of animals.

- A. Any animal capable of being infected with rabies that has bitten a human shall be quarantined. Other animals capable of being infected with rabies, exposed to this animal, may also be quarantined. An Anchorage police department dog, which inflicts a bite [IN THE LINE OF DUTY] shall not be quarantined when proof of current rabies is shown, but such dog must be observed for the following fourteen days.

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(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03)

17.30.080 Animal quarantine.

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B. *Required; duration.* An animal capable of being infected with rabies that bites a human shall be quarantined immediately. The Department of Health and Human Services shall determine the duration of the quarantine, which shall not be less than 10 nor more than 14 days. Anchorage Police Department dogs [POLICE DOGS EMPLOYED BY THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT] which inflict a bite [IN THE LINE OF DUTY], and have a current rabies vaccination, are exempt from this requirement, but must be observed for the following fourteen days.

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(AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03)

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2013 .

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk