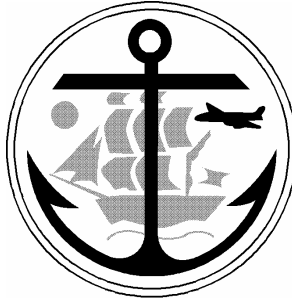


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**Assembly to Revisit Dog Parks**  
*Members expect high turnout*

The Anchorage Assembly will be holding a work session on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and a public hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup> regarding off-leash dog parks. The public is welcome to attend and listen at the work session, but public testimony will officially be heard at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The dog parks were created by ordinance on July 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2003. That ordinance is set to expire at the end of September.

AO 2004-121 simply reauthorizes Anchorage Municipal Code 17.10.090, off-leash dog park spaces. The dog parks created in the ordinance are areas located within University Lake Park, Far North Bicentennial Park, Russian Jack Park, Connors Bog, and the South Anchorage Sports Park.

*“The Assembly heard a great deal of public testimony regarding off-leash dog parks last year, and I expect we will again,”* said Chairman Dick Traini. The work session will be held at City Hall, in the Assembly Conference Room on Friday, September 3, from 11:00 a.m. to noon. The public hearing will be on Tuesday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chamber, at the Loussac Library.

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