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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL  
ADMINISTRATION TO DISCONTINUE PRIVATIZING ALL OR PART OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S  
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Title 17 of the Anchorage Municipal Code establishes animal control laws for the Municipality, to include provisions for keeping of animals, licensing requirements for dogs and facilities, and enforcement powers for health and safety including impoundment and rabies control; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Municipality has provided its animal control services - both kennel operations and enforcement of Title 17 - by contracting with private, for-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, since the mid-1980's, internal audits and management reviews of the Municipality's contracted animal control services have consistently found these private, for-profit providers - including the current provider - to be in non-compliance with contract provisions, and some of these audits and reviews have also found the Municipality's contract administration and compliance monitoring in need of strengthening; and

WHEREAS, under privatization, there has been a lack of direct accountability for actions and/or non-actions taken by the contracted providers, with emphasis simply being placed on changing Title 17 or the contract when problems arise; and

WHEREAS, under privatization, the year-to-year contracting and request for proposal process does not allow for proper training of and job security for contracted animal control personnel; and

WHEREAS, to provide direct accountability for its animal control services, and to ensure that the public is served by well-trained, secure employees, the Municipality should discontinue contracting with private, for-profit corporations for all or some of its animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Administration has estimated that all animal control services could be conducted "in-house" for approximately \$1,650,000 annually, which compares to the base contract cost currently being recommended to the Assembly of approximately \$1,300,000 annually, or \$1,540,000 annually with contract performance incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That the Assembly directs the Municipal Administration to discontinue privatizing all or part of the Municipality's animal control services.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk