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Prepared by: Assembly Office

For reading: December 19, 2000

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2000- 391

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR INCREASED
AWARENESS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO REPORT INSTANCES OF
ANIMAL CRUELTY, AND REQUESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, an instance of organized dog fighting and related gambling was recently reported within our community; and

WHEREAS, it is our understanding from the Municipality's Animal Control Center that other animal cruelty cases have occurred in Anchorage this year - with seven animal cruelty cases turned over to the Anchorage Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is important for citizens to report instances of animal cruelty since this behavior may lead to more serious offenses - the Humane Society of the United States in its First Strike Campaign reports that:

Violent offenders frequently have childhood and adolescent histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty;

Since the 1970's, the FBI has recognized animal cruelty as one of a cluster of juvenile behaviors associated with increasingly violent behavior;

Persons who abuse animals may also harm their parents or spouses, children or elderly members of their households.

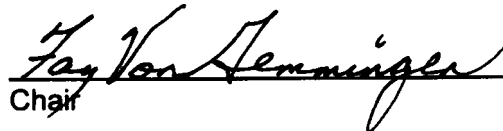
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly calls upon the Municipality's Animal Control Center and other humane agencies to ensure that the issue of animal cruelty is understood by the public.

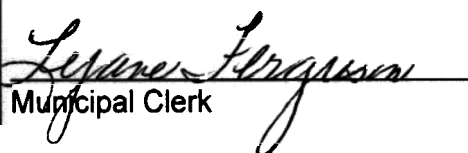
Section 2: That the Assembly encourages citizens to report instances of animal cruelty.

Section 3: That the Assembly requests that local law enforcement and prosecution agencies take the issue of animal cruelty seriously and prosecute offenders.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of December, 2000.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

**Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <i>12-15-00</i>
	<i>Animal Cruelty</i>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
		<i>AR</i>
2	DEPARTMENT NAME <i>Assembly</i> <small>Assembly</small>	DIRECTOR'S NAME <small>Fay Von Gemmingen</small>
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER <small>4751</small>
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manger	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>For Action - Addendum 7.C.12.</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>12/19/00</i>	7
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>—</i>

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