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AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date: 7-22-03

Submitted by: Chair TRAINI, Tesche,  
Tremaine, Van Etten, Von Gemmingen  
Prepared by: Department of Assembly  
For reading: July 22, 2003

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO NO. 2003-108(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE  
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.10.090 TO ALLOW FOR OFF-  
LEASH DOG PARK SPACES

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

**Section 1:** That the Anchorage Municipal Code Title 17 is amended by adding a new  
section 17.10.090 to read as follows:

**17.10.090 Off-leash dog park spaces**

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, legally licensed dogs with current rabies  
vaccinations may be allowed, unleashed, in areas recommended by the Animal Control  
Advisory Board with concurrence of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Mayor,  
subject to approval by the Assembly. Such areas shall include but are not limited to  
designated areas within the following locations:

University Lake Park  
Far North Bicentennial Park (North Gasoline Trail)  
Russian Jack Park  
Connors Bog  
South Anchorage Sports Park (Future American Legion Trails)  
Old Alaska Native Hospital Site

See attached map of proposed Off-Leash Dog Park Spaces

B. Rules and regulations promulgated for the use of off-leash dog park spaces shall be posted  
and shall include the following:

1. Dogs must be leashed upon entering and leaving the off-leash dog park space.
2. Classified dogs and female dogs in heat are prohibited.
3. The owner or custodian of the dog must remain in the dog park space with the dog.
4. Dogs must be under control as defined in this chapter.
5. Dog feces must be cleaned up by the dog owner or custodian.
6. Holes dug by dogs must be filled by the dog owner or custodian.
7. Owners or custodians are responsible for all actions of their dogs.

C. Additional rules and regulations for each off-leash dog park space may be needed and will  
be recommended by the Animal Control Advisory Board with concurrence of the Parks and  
Recreation Commission and approval by the Director of the Parks and Recreation  
Department and the Chief Animal Control Officer.

**Section 2:** That the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department may designate other  
off-leash dog park spaces recommended by the Animal Control Advisory Board with the concurrence  
of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Mayor, subject to approval by the Assembly.

**Section 3:** That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

**Section 4:** That this ordinance will expire on September 30, 2004, unless re-adopted by the  
Assembly.

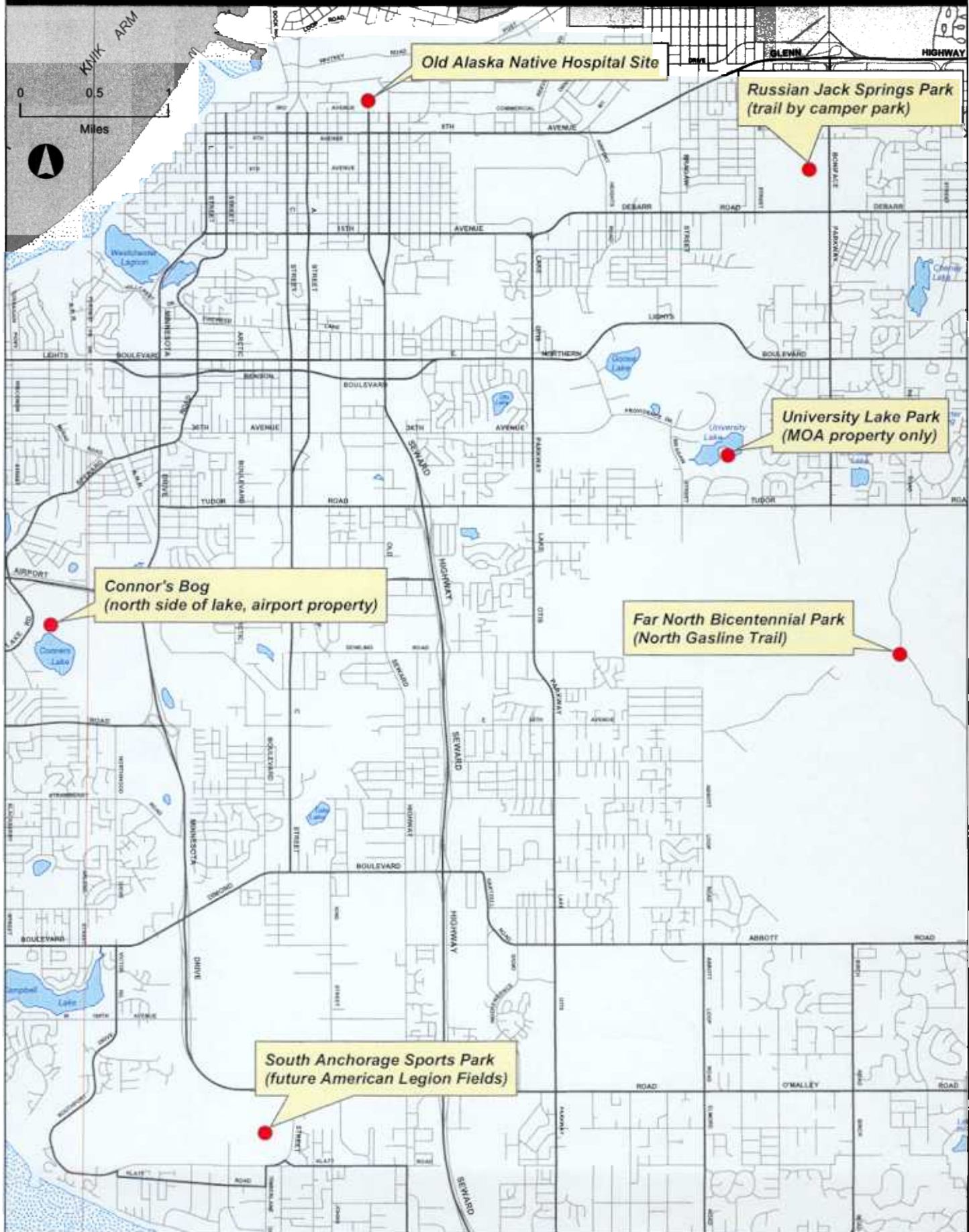
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July,  
2003

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk  
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# Proposed Off-Leash Dog Park Spaces



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

**AO Number:** 2003-108(S)      **Title:** Amending AMC Title 17 by Adding a New Section 17.10.090 to Allow for Off-Leash Dog Park Spaces

**Sponsor:** Chair Traini  
**Preparing Agency:** Department of Assembly  
**Others Impacted:** Health and Human Services

**CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:**

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>					
1000 Personal Services	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2
2000 Non-Labor	8				
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>

**REVENUES:**

**CAPITAL:**

**POSITIONS:** FT/PT and Temp

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

Initially, the ordinance provides for off-leash dog parks at six locations. The ordinance also requires that signs be posted at these locations; therefore, there will be costs involved for labor and materials. For example, at minimum, seven signs have been identified that need to be posted. It is estimated that a sign 12" x 18" will cost \$100, including construction and installation, resulting in a total cost of approximately \$700 for sign placement per park. Some initial construction costs for required fencing, granite paths, and benches may be required and plastic bags will also have to be purchased by the Municipality and placed throughout the parks. The overall set-up costs are not anticipated to exceed \$10,000. There will probably be some minimal annual operations and maintenance costs for picking up dog excrement not removed by area users; more frequent removal of heavier contents of trash cans; and fence repairs.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

As other areas throughout the Municipality become designated as off-leash dog parks, it is anticipated that private donations will fund the costs for signs, bags, and annual operations and maintenance costs.

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**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
**NO. 620 -2003**

**Meeting Date:** July 22, 2003

**From:** Chair Traini  
**Subject:** **AO 2003-108 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.10.090 TO ALLOW FOR OFF-LEASH**


The Animal Control Advisory Board has reviewed AO 2003-108 and have offered minor changes to the ordinance as set forth in the substitute version attached. The Board has publicly supported the dog park concept and believe it provides an effective means of meeting the public demand for off-leash areas and unanimously supports passage and approval of this legislation.

Your support and approval of AO 2003-108(S) is requested

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dick Traini  
Chair

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Elvi Gray-Jackson, Director  
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EGJ/2003ASSEMBLYMEMORANDUMS/AM19

AO 2003-108(S)

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2	DEPARTMENT Assembly	Dick Train
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Elvi Gray-Jackson	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 343-4751
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 Manager	
	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>New Public Hearings 14-B.</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 7/22/03	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED 7/22/03