



LAWS OF ALASKA

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AN ACT

Relating to dog control by local governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 29.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.10.178. CONTROL OF DOGS. (a) In order to control dogs, the council may

(1) require dog owners to keep dogs from running at large on public streets and other public places;

(2) provide for the destruction of dogs which are vicious, dangerous to public health or safety or otherwise a public nuisance;

(3) provide for the catching and impounding of dogs running at large on public streets and in other public places;

(4) require payment of the costs of catching and impounding by persons claiming dogs;

(5) provide for the humane destruction or other disposition of impounded dogs;

(6) require the inoculation of dogs against disease;

(7) take other action to control dogs by ordinance, resolution or otherwise which may be necessary to protect and preserve the lives, health, safety and well-being of the public.

(b) The council may impose and enforce the provisions of a dog control ordinance of the city in the total area within 20 miles of the limits of the city, unless the city is within an organized borough. The ordinance must describe generally the area outside the city in which it is imposed. If the boundaries of a city lie within 40 miles of the boundaries of another city, the extraterritorial jurisdiction of each city terminates at a point equidistant from their respective boundaries.

* Sec. 2. AS 29.15.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.15.160. CONTROL OF ANIMALS. (a) The board of trustees may provide for impounding horses and other stock when found running at large within the incorporated limits of the city in violation of its ordinances, and may provide for advertising and selling or destroying the horses and stock if not redeemed by the owner.

(b) The board of trustees may control dogs in the manner and in the area provided for first class cities.

* Sec. 3. AS 29.25.250 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.25.250. CONTROL OF DOGS. The council may control dogs in the manner and in the area provided for first class cities.

* Sec. 4. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 07.15.360. DOG CONTROL. (a) The first and second class borough may provide for areawide dog control and may do so in the manner provided for first class cities. Upon adoption of an ordinance to provide for areawide dog control, no general law or home rule city within the borough may exercise the power of dog control, unless the ordinance provides otherwise or the borough by subsequent ordinance ceases to exercise the power. The exercise of the areawide power is at the option of the borough and is not subject to the restrictions on acquiring additional areawide powers specified in sec. 350 of this chapter.

- * Sec. 5. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 07.15.723. DOG CONTROL. The second class borough may provide for dog control in the area outside cities and may do so in the manner provided for first class cities. The exercise of the power of dog control in the area outside cities is at the option of the borough and is not subject to the restrictions on acquiring additional powers specified in secs. 720 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.

- * Sec. 6. AS 18.75.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.75.020. DOG TAGS. The owner of a dog not licensed by a political subdivision of the state shall pay a registration fee of \$1 to the Department of Revenue and in return shall receive from the department a metal tag stamped with a number. The number shall correspond with the name of the owner and shall be entered in a registration book kept for that purpose by the department. The owner of the dog shall affix the metal tag to a collar on the dog so registered. A dog running at large without a collar and

tag is considered not to have an owner and may be destroyed by a peace officer.

* Sec. 7. AS 18.75.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.75.040. POWER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL TO CONTROL DOGS. (a) A village council duly elected by residents of an unincorporated village not within an organized borough may destroy loose dogs in the village and may otherwise control dogs to the extent authorized first class cities.

(b) The council may impose and enforce the provisions of a dog control ordinance in the total area within 20 miles of the village. The ordinance must generally describe the area in which it is imposed. If two villages having dog control ordinances lie within 40 miles of each other, the jurisdiction of each village terminates at a point midway between them.

* Sec. 8. If the Legislature enacts into law Senate Bill No. 101 or House Bill No. 508 introduced into the Fourth State Legislature, or committee substitutes for these bills, whether amended or not, secs. 1 through 6 of this Act are void.

* Sec. 9. The following laws are repealed: AS 29.10.177; AS 03.55.040 - 03.55.060; and AS 18.75.010.