Introduced by: Council Members Vanover and **Pippel** May 22, 2007 Date: Public Hearing: June 12, 2007 Action: Adopted Vote: Unanimous No: Yes: **Pippel** Erbey Wood Best Hanson

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Combs

ORDINANCE NO. 07-014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL AMENDING PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6.08.065, ANIMALS AT LARGE AND ENACTING SECTION 6.08.067, ANIMAL ANNOYANCE

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

- Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.
- Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- Section 3. Section 6.08.065 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

6.08.065 Animals at large.

- A. It is unlawful for an animal to be at large.
- B. It is unlawful for a person who owns, keeps, or harbors an animal to fail to keep the animal under restraint as described in section 6.04.010 at all times.

<u>Section 4.</u> Section 6.08.067 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6.08.067 Animal annoyance.

- A. A person owning or responsible for an animal shall not permit the animal to defecate on any public property or right of way or on any private property other than property owned or leased by the person owning or responsible for the animal;
- B. It is a specific defense to a charge of violating this section that the person charged immediately removed the excrement and properly disposed of it in a sanitary manner;
- C. It is a specific defense to a charge of violating this section that the dog involved is a certified working dog trained to assist disabled individuals and that the person charged has a disability

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- which prevents the individual from removing the excrement and properly disposing of it in a sanitary manner;
- D. An owner or custodian of an animal shall not permit it to upset garbage on public or private property.

<u>Section 5.</u> Effective date. Ordinance No. 07-014 shall take effect upon adoption by the City of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this twelfth day of June, 2007.

ohn C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk

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