

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 6.14.050, ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be of a permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Palmer Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions 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. 6.14.050 Animal Control Board. A. The animal control board shall be composed of three principal members, other members, and one alternate, all appointed by the mayor and subject to the confirmation by the council. The terms shall be for three years with one member's term to expire each year. To the extent practicable, one principal member shall be selected from each of the following groups:

1. The general public, provided the person is not an employee or contractor of the city;
2. Organized dog interest groups; and
3. Animal care professionals. Animal care professionals include veterinarians, and others such as groomers, kennel operators, and dog trainers, provided that such others are either licensed by the State of Alaska to provide such specific services (not a mere business license) or who hold membership in good standing in a recognized association that provides for standards of performance and ethical rules of conduct. This professional position may be shared cooperatively by one principal member and other professionals, provided that there shall be a method for determining which person shall serve at any particular meeting or for any particular case. New members may be added to this position from time to time, provided all persons serving in such position may serve until the end of the term for that position.

B. The principal members shall appoint annually a chairman and vice-chairman.

C. The board may establish rules of procedure; provided, however, board meetings shall be open to the public and taped, and minutes shall be kept.

D. If a member has a personal bias, a significant pecuniary interest or other good cause not to hear a case, the member shall declare such interest to the board and be excused from the case. Examples of a significant pecuniary interest include cases where the animal's owner is a customer or client of a veterinarian or a kennel operator, provided in either case that the veterinarian or kennel operator reasonably expects at least \$250 per year income from the owner. If the member excused from hearing the case is an animal-care professional, then another such member may hear the case. If the excused member is from another category or if another animal-care professional is unavailable, then the alternate member may hear the case.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. Publication shall be by posting a copy hereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten (10) days following its adoption, and further it shall be published by being printed and included in the Palmer Municipal Code at its next regular supplementation and printing. A notice of public hearing shall be given by such posting at least five (5) days before final passage.

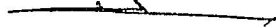
First Reading: November 10, 1992

Public Hearing &
Second Reading: November 24, 1992

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska,
this 24th day of November, 1992.



GEORGE W. CARTE, Mayor



DAVID L. SOULAK
City Clerk