

## CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

## ORDINANCE NO. 469

AN ORDINANCE DELETING SECTION 6.16.030 (IMPOUNDMENT FEE) OF TITLE 6 (ANIMALS) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 6.16.030 (IMPOUNDMENT FEE) TO TITLE 6 (ANIMALS) OF THE PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE.

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. Section 6.16.030 (Impoundment Fee) is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 4. A new Section 6.16.030 (Impoundment Fee) is hereby added as follows:

6.16.030 Impoundment Fee. A. Any animal impounded under this section may be reclaimed as provided in this section upon payment by the owner to the borough animal control officer or designee of a fee in accordance with the following schedule in the case of each animal properly licensed under this title, or thirty dollars in the case of each animal not properly licensed under this title, plus the additional fee indicated for each day or part of a day such animal is kept. Fees set in this section shall be collected and retained by the proper authority to help defray the costs of keeping such animal for the period set forth in this chapter.

Impoundment Fees

Unlicensed dogs, unlicensed cats:

Owner's first impoundment \$ 30

Licensed dogs, other animals, excluding cats:

Owner's first impoundment \$ 20

Owner's second impoundment, within 12 months \$ 60

Owner's third impoundment, within 12 months \$120

Owner's fourth impoundment, within 12 months \$240

Each additional impoundment, same owner,  
within 12 months \$300

Licensed cats:

Owner's first impoundment \$ 10

Owner's second impoundment, within 12 months \$ 60

Owner's third impoundment, within 12 months \$ 80

Owner's fourth impoundment, within 12 months \$160

Each additional impoundment, same owner,  
within 12 months \$300

Daily Boarding Fees

Dogs \$ 10

Cats \$ 5

Other animals weighing less than 15 pounds \$ 10

Other animals weighing more than 15 pounds \$ 30

Humane Destruction and Disposal \$ 14

Daily Quarantine Fee \$ 10

Any impounded animal which, by reasons of its size, strength, dangerous propensities or any other physical or behavioral characteristics cannot reasonably be kept in the normal animal shelter facilities may be reclaimed upon payment of a thirty-dollar impoundment fee plus the actual cost reasonably incurred in transporting and keeping such animal.

B. Payment of impoundment fees and a fine for an animal running-at-large shall not exceed \$300 per animal for each incident of impoundment.

C. Additional expenses. The owner of an impounded animal shall be responsible for expenses and costs in addition to the impoundment and boarding fees reasonably incurred by the borough for care and maintenance of the animal.

D. The animal will not be returned to the owner unless and until fees are paid. If the fees are not paid within 120 hours of notice of impoundment to the owner, the animal will be subject to the adoption and euthanasia provisions at the borough animal control officer's discretion.

E. The borough animal control officer may, for good cause, waive a portion of the fees, expenses or costs, and may enter into a payment schedule agreement with an owner.

F. Any animal previously impounded under this chapter may be reclaimed as herein provided upon payment by the owner the sum provided for in subsection A, plus successively increasing fees in increments of twenty dollars for each additional impoundment.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. Publication shall be by making copies available to the public, and further it shall be published by being

printed and included in the Palmer Municipal Code at its next regular supplementation and printing. Publication may also be made by posting a copy hereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten (10) days following its adoption. A notice of public hearing shall be given by such posting at least five (5) days before final passage.

First Reading: November 9, 1993

Public Hearing &  
Second Reading: November 23, 1993

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 23rd day of November, 1993.

  
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GEORGE W. CARTE, MAYOR

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DAVID L. SOULAK, CITY CLERK