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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 93-48

From: Deputy Administrator
Date: May 17, 1993
Subject: Animal Control Ordinance

For several years we have contracted with the Mat-Su Borough to provide Wasilla with enforcement of our animal control ordinance. Approximately one year ago the Borough completed an extensive re-write of their animal control ordinance. Among the major changes was the description of most minor violations as "infractions" rather than "misdemeanors". The purpose was to reduce the legal implications and potential court fees for disputed citations. The process also includes an Animal Control Board to conduct hearings and rule on potentially dangerous animals.

The new Borough ordinance is considerably more comprehensive and enforceable than the City's present ordinance. Additionally, the differences between the ordinances causes confusion and difficulty for the Borough's contract animal enforcement officers. They have asked if we would consider revising our ordinance to conform with the Borough code on this issue.

Proposed Ordinance No. 93-15 is essentially identical to the Borough's ordinance but modified for the Wasilla Municipal Code. Proposed Ordinance Serial No. 93-29 is necessary to revise the penalty sections of the municipal code to be compatible with the new animal control ordinance. Recommend that Council introduce Ordinance Serial No. 93-15 and Ordinance Serial No. 93-29 and set them for public hearing.

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