

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE 82-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 20.04 AND 20.08 OF TITLE 20, ANIMALS, OF THE HOMER CITY CODE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, amendment to Section 20.08.060 (b) & (c) will provide for owners of licensed or unlicensed dogs to be cited for ordinance infractions even when the dog is not captured or impounded; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.04.040 (a) regarding penalty leaves no latitude to the sentencing officer; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.08.010 pertaining to the period of license issue and fees has proved administratively cumbersome and confusing to the general public; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Delete the word "shall" and replace with "may" in the first sentence of 20.08.060 (b) and delete the word "licensed" in Section 20.08.060 (c).

Section 20.08.060 (b) first sentence shall read:

Dogs not wearing a collar and tag found running at large, anywhere within the City limits, may be taken up by a police officer or animal control officer and impounded in the shelter designated by the Chief of Police as the area animal shelter, and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than seventy-two hours, unless claimed by the owner, and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owners or held for adoption.

Section 20.08.060 (c) first sentence shall read:

When a dog is found running at large within the City limits and its ownership is known to the police officer or animal control officer so finding it, the officer, in lieu of impounding the dog may cite the owner of the dog to appear in the District Court of the State to answer to a charge of violation of this section.

Section 2. Add the words "at least" in section 20.04.040 (a) so the section reads as follows:

The violation of any provision contained in Section 20.08.060 shall be punishable by a fine of at least ten dollars for the first offense; at least twenty dollars for the second offense, and at least thirty dollars for the third offense.

Section 3. Repeal and re-enact section 20.08.010 (a) to read as follows:

All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained in the City shall be licensed and registered if over four months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk on payment of a license tax of five dollars per two-year period for each neutered male or spayed female, and fifteen dollars per two year period for each non-neutered male or unspayed female. The owner shall state at the time application is made for such license, his name and address; the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned or kept by him. Dog licenses shall be issued for a period of two years and shall run from the first day of January of each even numbered year to the thirty first day of December of each succeeding uneven numbered year. For dogs requiring licensing later in the

license period, the license fee shall be the same as for a full two years, prior to the first of January of the succeeding odd numbered year; and thereafter for the remainder of the license period, the license tag shall be three dollars for each neutered male or spayed female and eight dollars for each unspayed female or non-neutered male.

Section 4. The sections cited are the only sections affected by this amending ordinance.

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ATTEST:

Kathleen F. Herold
Kathleen F. Herold, City Clerk

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