

Rogers Park Community Council

(including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

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**Resolution Regarding:
Supporting the Action Plan of People and Pets in Public Spaces [PPIPS]**

March 10, 2008

To: Anchorage Assembly Members

Dear: Mr. Coffey and Mr. Traini,

Please review the following resolution passed at the March 10, 2008 of the Rogers Park Community Council.

WHEREAS dog waste in Anchorage sports fields, playgrounds and other public parklands where people congregate for recreational activities has created a health and safety concern in our community; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage Animal Control Board and the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission have formed the PPIPS committee to address issues concerning pets and parks; and

WHEREAS the PPIPS committee has developed an Action Plan for addressing the problem of dog waste in Anchorage sports fields, playgrounds and high-traffic parklands; and

WHEREAS the core of the PPIPS Action Plan is an outreach effort to promote a strong community ethic of responsible dog ownership that includes "Avoiding the Poop" at sports fields, playgrounds and high-traffic parklands and "Scooping the Poop" at all locations in the community; and

WHEREAS the PPIPS Action Plan includes the development and installation of "Avoid the Poop" stations near sports fields, playgrounds, and high-traffic parklands; and

WHEREAS the "Avoid the Poop" stations would be funded by private donations through the Anchorage Parks Foundation, in the same way as current "Scoop the Poop" stations, in the amount of approximately \$350-\$400 each; and

WHEREAS these and remaining details of the PPIPS Action Plan are set forth in a document dated January 9, 2008, which has been provided and reviewed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Rogers Park Community Council endorses the PPIPS Action Plan as a viable and potentially effective way to address the problem of dog waste on sports fields, playgrounds and other high-traffic parklands.

This resolution passed by a vote of 12 in favor, one opposed, and six abstentions.

Respectfully,
Heather Ireland
President, Rogers Park Community Council

CC: Barbara Gruenstein, Municipal Clerk