

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Anchorage Health
Department
For reading:

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
DRAFT AO No. 2021-XXX

1 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17,**
2 **ANIMALS, TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL ADOPTION FROM**
3 **ANCHORAGE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, BY AMENDING SECTIONS**
4 **17.05.010, 17.15.070, AND 17.25.060.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code Title 17 (Animals) has been determined by
8 the Administration and the Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) to need
9 modifications in order to prevent the adoption of an animal from Anchorage Animal
10 Care and Control into an unsafe environment;

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12 **WHEREAS**, animals may be put in unsafe circumstances if adopted by or residing
13 with permanently or temporarily an individual with pending charges related to
14 inhuman treatment of an animal;

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16 **WHEREAS**, the ACAB took public comment on the proposed ordinance on _____,
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18 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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20 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 17.05.010, Definitions, generally,
21 is hereby amended by amending the following definitions (*other definitions in the*
22 *section are not affected and therefore not set out*):
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24 **17.05.010 – Definitions, generally.**
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26 The following words, terms and phrases and their other verb forms and
27 tenses, when used in this title, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in
28 this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
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32 *Applicant* means the individual, business entity, or non-profit
33 submitting the application for a special purpose license. In the case of a
34 business entity, the term includes all decision- making members of the
35 business. In the case of a non-profit, the term includes all members of the
36 non-profit's board of directors.
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1 AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03; AO No. 2004-86, § 1, 5-18-04; AO
2 No. 2009-88, § 1, 9-10-09; AO No. 2013-142, § 1, 12-17-13; AO No. 2016-
3 55, § 2, 6-7-16 ; AO No. 2017-87 , § 1, 6-13-17; AO No. 2018-112 , § 1,
4 1-15-19; AO No. 2019-91(S-1) , § 1, 12-3-19)

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6 **Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 17.15.070, Special purpose
7 licensing procedures for multi-animal, mushing, commercial facility, and animal
8 rescue licenses, is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section*
9 *is not affected and therefore not set out*):

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11 **17.15.070- Special purpose licensing procedures for multi-animal,**
12 **mushing, commercial facility, and animal rescue licenses.**

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14 C. A special purpose license shall not be issued to or renewed where
15 the applicant has been convicted of a crime involving inhumane
16 treatment of an animal in any jurisdiction, or has a pending case
17 involving inhumane treatment of an animal in any jurisdiction, or
18 resides in the same household with a person who has been
19 convicted of such a crime or has a pending case of such a crime.
20 [OF AN OFFENSE UNDER TITLE 8.55 OR INHUMANE
21 TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION].

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23 (AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03; AO No. 2007-79, § 2, 6-26-07; AO No.
24 2017-87 , § 5, 6-13-17; AO No. 2019-91(S-1) , § 11, 12-3-19)

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26 **Section 3.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 17.25.060, Adoption exceptions
27 and requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the*
28 *section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

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30 **17.25.060- Adoption exceptions and requirements.**

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32 A. The animal care and control center shall not release an animal for
33 adoption under any of the following circumstances:
34 1. The prospective owner has inadequate or inappropriate facilities
35 for confining an animal or for providing humane care and control
36 of an animal. If the prospective owner does not own his/her place
37 of residence, the consent of the landlord to the adoption is
38 required.
39 2. The prospective owner has been convicted of a crime involving
40 inhumane treatment of an animal in any jurisdiction, or has a
41 pending case involving inhumane treatment of an animal in any
42 jurisdiction, or resides in the same household with a person who
43 has been convicted of such a crime or has a pending case of
44 such a crime. [UNDER TITLE 8.55 (CRUELTY TO ANIMALS) OR
45 INHUMANE TREATMENT OF AN ANIMAL IN ANOTHER
46 JURISDICTION]; or has outstanding unpaid fees or fines; or has
47 two or more violations of this title within the past 12 months.

1 3. Any circumstance which, in the opinion of the chief animal control
2 officer, endangers the welfare of the animal or the public health,
3 safety and welfare.

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5 (AO No. 2001-158(S-4), § 1, 1-1-03; AO No. 2008-129, § 1, 12-17-08; AO
6 No. 2009-29, § 1, 3-3-09)

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8 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
9 _____, 2021.

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_____ Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

_____ Municipal Clerk

Items in brackets and capitalized are to be deleted, [REMOVE FROM CODE]

Items underlined are to be added to the code, Add to the code.

Required accompanying AM when finalized.