

**Turnagain Community Council Resolution Regarding a Request to
Increase Municipality of Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center
Enforcement Staff**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article VIII, Section 8.01, establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, animals are a significant aspect of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and have an impact on the quality of life for those living here; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center (AC&CC) enforcement staff (Animal Control Officers) respond to an average of 600 citizen requests for service per month regarding animal cruelty, animal bites, loose animals, barking dogs, injured animals and other requests for service; and

WHEREAS, there are an increasing number of incidents where Anchorage residents and/or their dogs are being attacked; and

WHEREAS, the January 27, 2006, MOA Animal Care and Control Service Strategic Plan states that 1) 77 percent of the public support adding to the number of Animal Control Officers on patrol, and 2) based on the MOA service area and number of calls for service, an independent, comprehensive review of AC&CC by the National Animal Control Association in 1999 called for approximately 17 Animal Control Officers — almost three times the current number of officers; and

WHEREAS, the number of enforcement officers available for AC&CC services has not increased in the past eight years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Turnagain Community Councils supports an increase in funding for the AC&CC in the MOA Operating Budget in an amount sufficient to fund and equip additional Animal Control Officers to serve the Municipality of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 1st day of May 2014.

This resolution passed by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed.

Respectfully,

Bill Wortman
Turnagain Community Council