

CITY OF SOLDOTNA  
ORDINANCE 2025-016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOLDOTNA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 6 ANIMALS AND SECTION  
1.08.080 MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City of Soldotna seeks to ensure public health and safety while maintaining humane and responsible standards for animal care and control within city limits; and

WHEREAS, Soldotna Municipal Code Title 6, which governs animal control regulations, has not undergone a comprehensive update since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified opportunities to clarify definitions, streamline enforcement procedures, and align provisions with current practices and contract services; and

WHEREAS, revisions to Title 6 include updated provisions for impoundment, licensing, dangerous animals, and cruelty violations, and incorporate references to fee schedules adopted by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the language provides for an appeal process for animal owner's aggrieved by the chief's classification of an animal as dangerous or vicious; and

WHEREAS, the updated chapter reflects the City's continued commitment to protecting both residents and animals through clear, enforceable, and modernized regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

Section 1. That Soldotna Municipal Code Title 6 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That Soldotna Municipal Code Title 6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**Chapter 6.01 Definitions**

**Section 6.01.010 Definitions.**

In this title, the following terms have the following meanings:

- A. "Animal" means all domestic or domesticated members of the Animalia kingdom, as well as non-domesticated animals commonly kept as pets, such as birds, rodents, reptiles, amphibians and fish.
- B. "Animal control officer" means any person appointed by the chief of police to impound animals within the city. The animal control officer may be any police officer when enforcing the regulations of this chapter and may be any person with whom the city has contracted for enforcement services as allowed by this chapter.
- C. "Animal shelter" means any premises designated by the city manager for the purpose of impounding or caring for animals found at large or otherwise existing in violation of this chapter.
- D. "Annoyance" means an actual interference with the sleep, work, or reasonable right to peace or privacy of one or more persons resulting from the animal's repeated or continued noise.
- E. "Appeal record" consists of all pertinent records including:
  - 1. Copies of all documentary evidence, memoranda and exhibits, correspondence and other written material submitted to the administrative body prior to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
  - 2. A copy of the written decision of the chief of police or police department designee, including findings and conclusions.
- F. "Appellee" means the City of Soldotna.

- G. "At large" means not under restraint.
- H. "Bite" means to break the skin on a human or another animal by using teeth.
- I. "Borough" means the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- J. "Cat" means a domestic or domesticated member of the family Felidae.
- K. "Chief of police" or "chief" means the chief of the Soldotna Police Department or designee.
- L. "Clerk" means the Soldotna city clerk.
- M. "Commercial kennel" means any premises where buying, selling, training, boarding or breeding of four or more dogs, cats, or other animals, or a combination of animals, over the age of three months, takes place.
- N. "Confined" means restricted or enclosed within a fence, enclosure, or building.
- O. "Dangerous animal" means an animal that has, without provocation, approached, in a threatening or terrorizing manner, any person in an apparent attitude of attack, where the approach was not made upon the premises to which the owner had the legal right of possession.
- P. "Dog" means any domestic or domesticated member of the family Canidae.
- Q. "Domestic bird" means birds which are commonly raised for consumption, egg production, or personal enjoyment including female domesticated chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, and swans. "Domestic bird" shall not include peacocks, ostriches, emus and similar birds.
- R. "Humane animal care" includes, but is not limited to, providing:
  1. Sufficient wholesome and nutritious food at least once daily which will keep the animal in healthy physical condition; and
  2. Sufficient daily quantities of fresh water which meet the hydration requirements for the animal; and
  3. Adequate shelter which provides adequate air and ventilation and which prevents the animal from being exposed to inclement or adverse weather conditions, overheating from sunlight, unsanitary conditions and dirty, wet and uncomfortable conditions which may endanger the health or welfare of the animal; and
  4. Veterinary care when needed to treat the animal for sickness or disease, or to prevent suffering of the animal.
- S. "Owner" means any person, group of persons or corporation owning, possessing, harboring, or otherwise responsible for an animal. In the event that the owner of an animal is a minor, each parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible to ensure that compliance with all provisions of this title is maintained.
- T. "Restraint" means:
  1. Physical confinement, as by a secure leash, chain, cable, fence or building; provided, if the confinement is by leash, chain or cable held by a person, the person must be physically able to control the animal by such means;
  2. Under voice control by a competent person when the animal is engaged in a recognized activity, e.g., dog show, or form of training put on by an organized group where the training requires that the animal not be physically confined;
  3. Under competent voice control of a person who is physically present with an animal when that animal is on the property of the owner;
  4. A police animal under the competent voice control of a law enforcement officer, while the police animal is engaged in the performance of law enforcement activity.
- U. "Vicious animal" means the animal:
  1. Has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked or endangered the safety of a human being; or
  2. Has, without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked or endangered the safety of a domestic animal; or
  3. Has been found dangerous or vicious on a prior occasion by the chief; or
  4. Is in violation of a previous order where the animal was classified as a dangerous or vicious animal.

## **Chapter 6.05 Animal Regulations**

### **6.05.010 Cruelty to animals prohibited.**

- A. A person shall not:
  - 1. Intentionally injure or kill an animal unless the act is:
    - a. Done humanely in conformity with applicable federal or state law; or
    - b. Necessary to defend a human being or an animal from attack.
  - 2. Intentionally or recklessly wound, injure, torment, poison, provoke, otherwise abuse or unnecessarily overwork an animal, or procure or attempt any of such acts.
  - 3. Throw or deposit any poisonous substance on any exposed public or private place where it may endanger any animal.
  - 4. Intentionally abandon, harass, torture or kill an animal, or encourage an animal to fight with another animal for sport, training or entertainment.
  - 5. Intentionally capture a domestic or domesticated animal with any type of trap that physically harms the animal, including, but not limited to, steel jaw traps, snares and spring traps, except an authorized city, state, or federal employee or agent.
- B. A person who owns an animal shall not fail to provide humane animal care or abandon the animal by failing to provide humane care.

**6.05.020 Animal restrictions.**

Keeping of animals within city limits is subject to Section 17.10.365 of this code.

**6.05.030 Keeping diseased animals prohibited.**

- A. A person shall not own animals affected with a contagious disease without providing immediate veterinary care.
- B. A person shall not own animals affected with a pestilential disease.

**6.05.040 Noise from animals.**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to permit an animal which the person owns to cause annoyance to any person by barking, howling or making other sounds common to its species.
- B. In addition to the prohibitions set out in this section, it is unlawful for any person to permit an animal which the person owns to repeatedly or continuously bark, howl or make other sounds common to its species that can be heard from off the person's premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

**6.05.050 Odors originating from animals.**

- A. A person shall not allow the premises where the person owns an animal to be the source of offensive or objectionable odors originating from the animal which odors are not confined to the premises.
- B. The prohibited odors include, but are not limited to, odors originating directly from the animal as well as odors originating from animal urine or excrement.

**6.05.060 Animals at large.**

It is unlawful for:

- A. An animal to be at large.
- B. A person who owns an animal to fail to keep the animal under restraint, as defined in this title, at all times.

**6.05.070 Animal annoyance.**

- A. A person who owns an animal shall not permit the animal to defecate on any public property or right-of-way or on any private property other than property owned or leased by the person owning or responsible for the animal.
- B. An owner of an animal shall not permit it to upset garbage on public or private property.
- C. It is a specific defense to a charge of violating this section that:
  - 1. The person charged immediately removed the excrement and properly disposed of it in a sanitary manner;
  - 2. The dog involved is a certified working dog trained to assist disabled individuals and that the person charged has a disability which prevents the individual from removing the excrement and properly disposing of it in a sanitary manner.

**6.05.080 Leaving secured animal unattended prohibited.**

Except as provided by this code, no person shall tie, stake or secure any animal and leave it unattended on public property, including public buildings, streets, parks and parking areas.

**6.05.090 Dead animal disposal.**

Bodies of dead animals shall be transported, buried or otherwise disposed of in accordance with regulations established by the city manager.

**6.05.100 Confinement requirements.**

Every female dog or cat in season shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in a manner that the female dog or cat cannot come in contact with another unaltered animal of the same species but opposite gender except for planned breeding purposes.

**6.05.110 Restrictions on carrying dogs on outside of vehicles.**

It is unlawful for any person to carry or transport any dog on the running board, fenders, hood, cargo bed, or other outside part of any vehicle, unless the dog is restrained or confined by a leash, harness, cage, enclosure, or other restrictive device designed, installed, maintained and employed in a manner adequate:

- A. To protect the dog from falling or being thrown from the vehicle;
- B. To permit the safe operation of the vehicle; and
- C. When the vehicle is in a parking lot open to the public or is parked on a street or road, to prevent the dog's head from approaching within one foot of the tailgate, side rail, or other outside part of the vehicle.

## **Chapter 6.10 Licensing**

**6.10.010 Registration – Dogs and cats.**

- A. Registration Required. Within the city, a person shall not own any dog or cat over the age of six months without registering each dog or cat.
- B. Application. Application for a license for a dog or cat shall be made to the police department.
- C. Registration. Registration of a dog or cat shall include the name and address of the owner and the name, breed, color, age and sex of the dog or cat, whether the dog or cat is spayed or neutered, the expiration date of its rabies vaccination, rabies certificate number, and the location and description of any identification on the dog or cat.
- D. Immunization. The city shall not register a dog or cat unless the dog or cat has been vaccinated with a state of Alaska approved rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian, or by a state of Alaska lay rabies vaccinator, and the period of immunization has not expired. Proof of immunization shall be a completed rabies vaccination certificate in the form required by the state of Alaska.
- E. Proof of transfer of ownership. If ownership of an animal is transferred and the animal has a current rabies immunization, proof of transfer of ownership or proof of the animal's identification must be provided when registering the animal.

**6.10.020 License transfer.**

A person shall not use a dog or cat license receipt or license tag issued for one dog or cat on another dog or cat.

**6.10.030 License Fee.**

The license fee, as established by the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule, shall be paid to the city for each dog or cat over six months old and will expire three years from issue date.

**6.10.040 Tag and collar.**

- A. Issuance. Upon complying with the provisions of SMC 6.10.020 and 6.10.030, a numbered receipt and tag stamped with identification shall be issued to the owner for each dog or cat.

- B. Placement. Every owner is required to securely fasten the tag to the dog's or cat's choke chain, collar or harness. With the following exceptions, the tag must be worn by the dog or cat at all times. When the animal is:
  - 1. Kenneled;
  - 2. Fenced;
  - 3. In harness;
  - 4. In competition; or
  - 5. In training.
- C. Replacement Tag. In the event that the license tag issued for a dog or cat is lost, the owner may obtain a replacement tag upon the payment of the fee in the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule, for the remainder of the license term.
- D. A tag is not required by a law enforcement agency police dog.

## **Chapter 6.15 Commercial Kennels**

### **6.15.010 Commercial kennel license required.**

A commercial kennel license is required for any person(s) wishing to operate a commercial kennel as defined by this chapter. A fee, as established by the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule is required.

### **6.15.020 Commercial kennel license application.**

Application for a kennel license shall be made with the police department and approved by the animal control officer upon finding that the facility complies with the following regulations:

- A. A health hazard does not exist;
- B. A nuisance does not exist for occupants of land in the vicinity;
- C. All animals have been properly vaccinated;
- D. Adequate provisions have been made to shelter the animals;
- E. Adequate provisions have been made for keeping the animals confined on the owner's property;
- F. Adequate provisions have been made to keep the premises in a sanitary condition, and
- G. The use complies with the Soldotna Municipal Code Title 17, including a conditional use permit if required by the zoning district.

### **6.15.030 Commercial kennels – complaint.**

The animal control officer, after receiving a complaint, may inspect or cause to have inspected the premises of a kennel to insure continual compliance with the licensing requirements. If the owner or keeper of the kennel is found to be in violation of this section, the animal control officer may suspend or revoke such license.

### **6.15.040 Commercial kennels – change of ownership.**

- A. If there is a change of ownership of a kennel on the same premises, the new owner may have the kennel license transferred to his or her name upon application and payment of a transfer fee as established by the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule.
- B. Kennel licenses are assumed to be with the owner and the premises.
- C. Transferring of a kennel to a different location within the city shall require a new kennel license and shall meet the kennel requirements of this title and shall also meet requirements of Title 17.
- D. Kennels may be inspected by city staff during the kennel's normal business hours, or with 24-hour notice given for an inspection outside of business hours.

## **Chapter 6.20 Impoundment**

### **6.20.010 Impoundment procedure.**

- A. Animals at large.
  - 1. Dogs or cats not wearing a current city license and other animals found running at large anywhere in the city may be taken by a police officer or animal control officer and impounded in the shelter designated as the animal shelter. If circumstances permit, the animal may also be released to the owner.

2. The animal shall be confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than 72 hours, unless sooner claimed by the owner, and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner or held for adoption.
  3. Dogs or cats wearing a current city dog or cat license which are found running at large in the city shall be impounded for not less than 120 hours and if not claimed by the owner or held for adoption shall then be disposed of in a humane manner.
  4. When a dog, cat or other domestic animal is found at large and its ownership is known to the enforcement agents, the animal need not be impounded.
- B. Impounding an animal. Upon impounding any animal, the animal control officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner, and to inform the owner of the conditions under which custody of the animal may be regained.
- C. Police officer discretion. The above subsections notwithstanding, at the police officer's discretion, an officer is authorized to kill any animal at large which, in the officer's judgment, is deemed vicious or deemed to endanger any person or property.

**6.20.020 Redemption of impounded animals.**

- A. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded animals, except as otherwise provided, upon the owner's compliance with the license provision of this title, and payment of impoundment fees set forth in this title, and/or issuance of a citation.
- B. When the owner of an animal cannot be located and the judgment of a licensed veterinarian is that the animal should be destroyed for humane reasons, the animal will be destroyed.
- C. No animal that is impounded shall be redeemed if the chief has determined that it should be euthanized, unless so ordered by the superior court.

**6.20.030 Impoundment fee.**

Any animal impounded under this section may be reclaimed as provided upon payment by the owner of the applicable shelter fees, as determined by the operator of the shelter.

**6.20.040 Adoption.**

Any animal under this chapter which is determined to be available for adoption may be adopted in accordance with the policies and procedures by the operator of the shelter.

**Chapter 6.25 Domestic Animal Bites and Attack Incidents**

**6.25.010 Domestic animal bite and attack incidents.**

- A. The chief or designee shall investigate each reported animal bite or attack incident.
- B. No police animal is considered dangerous or vicious if the approach, injury or damage occurred while the animal was engaged in the performance of law enforcement activity.
- C. No animal is considered dangerous or vicious if the approach, injury or damage caused by the animal was accidental or sustained by a person of sufficient age and understanding who:
  1. At the time, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises to which the owner had the legal right of possession; or
  2. Was tormenting, abusing or assaulting the animal, or has in the past tormented, abused or assaulted the animal; or
  3. Was committing or attempting to commit a crime.

**6.25.020 Determination.**

- A. Chief of Police determination. In order for the chief to determine that an animal is dangerous or vicious, the chief shall determine that the animal meets the criteria in this chapter.
- B. Chief of Police classification. If the chief classifies an animal as dangerous or vicious, the chief shall require the animal be registered with the police department (unless the animal is to be destroyed and, in such case, documentation of the animal's destruction shall be delivered to the police department) and determine whether to impose additional conditions if the animal is to remain in the city.

1. The registration application shall contain the name and address of the owner, the breed, age, sex, color, and any other identifying marks of the animal, the location where the animal is to be kept, the registration fee established in the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule and two-color photographs, three inches by five inches, clearly showing the color and approximate size of the animal.
  2. Each animal registered shall be assigned an official registration number by the department.
  3. A certificate of registration shall be issued to the owner upon payment of the registration fee and proof of sufficient evidence that the owner has complied with all of the orders prescribed by the chief.
- C. Additional conditions. If the chief determines that additional conditions are required, the chief shall consider the following:
1. The observed and reported past and present behavior of the animal;
  2. The circumstances of the incident and the extent of the injury to the attacked person or animal;
  3. The reasonably foreseeable harm that could occur if no conditions are imposed;
  4. The owner's past history of compliance with this title, including compliance with redemption conditions which the chief has previously imposed on the owner; and
  5. The nature and location of any restraint or confinement system which the owner has in place at the time the chief makes his or her decision.
- D. Conditions. The chief may order the owner to comply with some or all of the following conditions:
1. Confinement. The chief may order the owner of a dangerous or vicious animal to confine the animal, at all times, either indoors or, if outdoors, in a proper enclosure for a dangerous or vicious animal up to and including one consisting of a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the entry of young children, or any part of their bodies or other foreign objects, and designed to prevent the animal from escaping.
    - a. The pen or structure shall have secure sides, and prevent the animal from digging out through the bottom or escaping over the top.
    - b. The pen or structure shall also provide the animal protection from the elements.
    - c. All pens and enclosures must comply with all zoning and building regulations of the city.
    - d. The owner shall display in a conspicuous manner a sign using the words "Beware of Dog" on the pen or structure or near the entrances to the residence where the animal is kept.
    - e. At any time when the animal is not confined as required, the animal shall be muzzled in a manner as to prevent it from escaping, biting or injuring any person, and kept on a leash no longer than four feet with the adult owner or some other responsible adult attending the animal.
  2. Liability Insurance. The chief may order the owner of a dangerous or vicious animal which has caused an injury to any person or severe injury to any animal to maintain, in full force and effect, a liability insurance policy issued by an insurance company authorized to sell insurance in Alaska or by an "eligible surplus line insurer," as defined in AS 21.34.900(2).
    - a. The insurance shall be in the amount of at least \$100,000 for coverage against any damage or injury that may be caused by the animal during the period for which licensing is sought.
    - b. The insurance shall contain a provision requiring the city be named as an additional insured for the sole purpose of being notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, termination or expiration of the policy.
  3. Spaying or Neutering. The chief may order the owner of a dangerous or vicious animal to arrange for the alteration of the reproductive capacity, through spaying or neutering, of the animal. Alteration shall be at the owner's expense.
  4. Obedience Class. The chief may order that the animal be enrolled in and complete obedience classes. The classes shall be at the owner's expense.
  5. Humane Euthanasia. The chief may order the humane destruction of any animal that has been found to be vicious. Euthanasia shall be at the owner's expense.
- E. Owner consent to conditions.
1. In the event the animal has already been impounded and if the owner consents to the conditions as set by the chief, the animal, unless destroyed, shall be released to the owner upon compliance with the conditions of release and payment of required fees.

2. If the owner does not consent to the conditions, the chief may order the animal humanely destroyed no sooner than 96 hours (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded) after service upon the owner of the chief's decision.
  3. Oral notice to the owner at the hearing shall constitute one means of service.
- F. Conditions to owning another animal.
1. If the chief determines that the owner has trained or conditioned an animal to be vicious or allowed or permitted the training or conditioning, the chief may require that the owner comply with any or all of the subsections contained in subsection (D) of this section (other than subsection (D)(5) of this section) as a condition to owning another animal in the city.
  2. The requirements may not extend beyond three years, commencing with a determination and classification of the owner's animal as vicious.

**6.25.030 Animals residing outside the city limits.**

- A. If an incident occurring in the city limits has been referred to the chief and the animal resides outside the city limits, the chief shall follow the normal course and, after rendering his or her determination, provide written notification of findings to the city manager or the municipality in which the animal resides.
- B. Should the animal resume residence within the city, the chief can order that the animal be registered with the city or alternatively, if circumstances warrant, that the animal be humanely euthanized.

**6.25.040 Owner compliance.**

- A. The owner shall comply with all the requirements of the chief's order within 10 business days of notification. Personal notification shall be made by a Soldotna Police Department.
- B. In addition, the owner shall notify the chief within the 10-business-day period that the owner has complied with all the requirements of the order. If within the 10-business-day period the owner fails to comply or fails to so notify the chief, the owner shall be fined as stated in Soldotna Municipal Code Chapter 1.08.

**6.25.050 Right to appeal.**

- A. An animal owner aggrieved by the chief's classification of an animal as dangerous or vicious is entitled to a hearing before a hearing officer, pursuant to the following procedures:
  1. A request for a hearing shall be in writing and filed with the clerk within five business days of the date the animal owner is served with the chief's written administrative order.
  2. Within five business days of receipt of the written request for a hearing by the clerk, a hearing date shall be set no sooner than 20 calendar days, nor later than 30 calendar days, after receipt of the request.
  3. The chief shall file the record with the clerk regarding the case within five business days after receipt of notice of appeal.
  4. Witness lists, written briefs by the animal owner and chief, and other information to be considered by the hearing officer shall be filed by the parties no less than five business days before the hearing.
- B. A person who files an appeal under this section may withdraw that appeal by a written request to the clerk.

**6.25.060 Conduct of hearing.**

- A. The meeting at which the hearing officer deliberates and decides an appeal shall be open to the public and a record of the hearing shall be made.
- B. The hearing shall be subject to the following order and time limitations:
  1. Chief: 10 minutes to present his or her decision;
  2. Animal owner: 15 minutes;
  3. Appellee: 15 minutes;
  4. Interested persons: three minutes each;
  5. Animal owner, for rebuttal: five minutes.
- C. Upon hearing the evidence, the hearing officer shall deliberate and issue written findings and conclusions based on the evidence on the record within 10 business days of the hearing. The decision

shall include an order stating the amount of fees and costs associated with the care of the animal while the case was pending.

**6.25.070 Appeal filing fees.**

- A. A filing fee as established by the current City of Soldotna Fee Schedule shall accompany an appeal to the hearing officer of a determination and related administrative order.
- B. If an appeal is withdrawn, the filing fee shall be reimbursed to the person who filed the appeal based on the following schedule:
  - 1. Filing date through 10 business days: 75 percent.
  - 2. More than 11 business days after filing date: zero percent.

**6.25.080 Animal fees upon appeal.**

- A. An animal whose owner is awaiting a decision on appeal may remain in impoundment at the chief's sole discretion.
- B. The owner is responsible for all fees and expenses reasonably incurred from the date of impoundment.
- C. A request to appeal a decision of the chief to the hearing officer shall be accompanied by advance payment of room and board fees calculated from the date of the decision of the chief to the date set for hearing by the hearing officer.

**6.25.090 Appeals to superior court.**

- A. Appeals by the animal owner from the written decision of the hearing officer shall be to the superior court in Kenai, Alaska.
- B. The clerk shall estimate the cost of preparing the transcript of the hearing and compiling the record on appeal. The animal owner shall deposit the estimated costs for preparation of the transcript and record with the clerk in advance. Upon completion of the record on appeal, the clerk shall refund any excess deposit or charge to the animal owner for costs exceeding the deposit.
- C. The hearing before the superior court is an administrative appeal heard solely on the record established before the hearing officer.

**Chapter 6.30 Rabies Control**

**6.30.010 Quarantine procedure.**

- A. Quarantine.
  - 1. Every animal (other than a police dog owned by a law enforcement agency) which bites a person shall be promptly reported to the police department.
  - 2. At the discretion of the police department the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner or at the shelter designated as the area animal shelter or any veterinary hospital of the owner's choice.
  - 3. In every event, quarantine shall be at the owner's expense.
  - 4. In the case of animals whose ownership is not known, the quarantine shall be at the designated animal shelter.
- B. Owner surrender of animal.
  - 1. The owner, upon demand by any enforcement agent, shall surrender any animal, which has bitten a human for supervised quarantine.
  - 2. The expense for quarantine shall be paid by the owner.
  - 3. If determined free of rabies and not vicious, the animal may be reclaimed by the owner upon payment of established fees.
- C. Diagnosed quarantine animal. When a quarantined animal has been diagnosed as being rabid or suspected by a licensed veterinarian as being rabid, it shall be disposed of in accordance with the directions of the licensed veterinarian.
- D. Areawide quarantine.
  - 1. If rabies is reported in the area, or if the police department suspects rabies in the area, the police department may recommend an areawide quarantine for a period of 30 days, and, upon invoking

the quarantine, no animal shall be taken into any public place or permitted to be in the streets during the quarantine period.

2. During the quarantine period, no animal shall be taken or shipped from the city without the written permission of the health officer.
- E. Bitten quarantined animal. During the quarantine period, every animal bitten by an animal judged to be rabid shall be destroyed or, at the owner's option and expense, shall be treated for rabies infection by a licensed veterinarian or held under 30 days' quarantine by the owner in the same manner as other animals are quarantined.
- F. Quarantine extension. In the event there are additional cases of rabies occurring during the quarantine period, the quarantine period may be extended for an additional six months.
- G. Surrendered carcass. The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall upon demand be surrendered to a licensed veterinarian.
- H. Police department direction. The police department shall direct the disposition of any animal found to be infected with rabies.
- I. Failure to surrender. No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any animal for quarantine or destruction as required in this chapter when demand is made by an enforcement agent.

#### **6.30.020 Physician's report required.**

It shall be the duty of every physician or other practitioner of medicine to report to the police department the names and addresses of persons treated for bites inflicted by animals, together with other information as will be helpful in rabies control.

#### **6.30.030 Veterinarian's diagnosis report required.**

It shall be the duty of every licensed veterinarian to report to the police department a diagnosis of any animal observed as having rabies.

#### **6.30.040 Quarantine fees.**

Quarantine costs shall be established by the borough and shall be paid by the owner of the animal(s).

### **Chapter 6.35 Enforcement**

#### **6.35.010 Hindering officers prohibited.**

A person shall not interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the police department in the performance of any duty or seek to release any animal in the custody of the police department or agents.

### **Chapter 6.40 Penalty**

#### **6.40.010 Fine.**

Violations of this title is an offense punishable by the fines in Soldotna Municipal Chapter 1.08.

Section 3. Soldotna Municipal Code Section 1.08.080 related to animal control is amended to read as follows:

Title 6 Animal Control		
<u>6.05.010</u>	<u>Cruel to animals prohibited</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<u>6.05.020</u>	<u>Keeping diseased animals prohibited</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<u>6.05.040</u>	<u>Noise from animals</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.05.050</u>	<u>Odor originating from animals</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.05.060</u>	<u>Animals at large</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.05.070</u>	<u>Animal annoyance</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.05.080</u>	<u>Leaving secured animal unattended prohibited</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<u>6.05.090</u>	<u>Dead animal disposal</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<u>6.05.100</u>	<u>Confinement requirements</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.05.110</u>	<u>Restriction on carrying dogs outside of vehicles</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
<u>6.10.010 A</u>	<u>Registration required</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

<u>6.10.020</u>	<u>License transfer</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>6.15.010</u>	<u>Commercial kennel license required</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<u>6.25.040</u>	<u>Owner compliance</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<u>6.30.010 A.1.</u>	<u>Quarantine – failure to report animal bite</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<u>6.30.010 I</u>	<u>Failure to surrender</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
[CHAPTER 6.04 – ANIMAL CONTROL		
6.04.020 A.	FAILURE TO LICENSE DOG	\$ 50.00
6.04.030 C.	FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE	\$ 25.00
6.04.040 D.	UNLAWFUL TYING, STAKING, OR CONFINING OF AN ANIMAL	\$ 100.00
6.04.060 A.	VICIOUS DOGS	\$ 100.00
6.04.070 A.	ANIMALS AT LARGE	\$ 50.00
6.04.070 B.	RELEASING ANIMAL BELONGING TO ANOTHER	\$ 50.00
6.04.070 C.	ABANDONMENT OF ANIMAL	\$ 50.00
6.04.080 A.	ALLOWING ANIMAL OR BIRD TO DISTURB NEIGHBORHOOD BY PROLONGED BARKING OR OTHER NOISES	\$ 50.00
6.04.080 B.	ALLOWING ANIMAL OR BIRD TO DIG UPON OR INJURE PUBLIC PROPERTY OR THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER	\$ 50.00
6.04.080 C.	FAILURE TO CLEAN UP AFTER ANIMAL	\$ 50.00
6.04.080 D.	ALLOWING ANIMAL TO HABITUALLY MENACE, INJURE OR FRIGHTEN PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY	\$ 50.00
6.04.080 F.	WOLF HYBRIDS PROHIBITED	\$ 50.00
6.04.090	OTHER ANNOYANCES PROHIBITED	\$ 100.00
6.04.100 B.	FAILURE TO SURRENDER ANIMAL FOR QUARANTINE	\$ 100.00
6.04.100 E.	UNLAWFUL KILLING OR REMOVAL OF RABID OR SUSPECTED RABID ANIMAL	\$ 50.00
6.04.100 H.	FAILURE TO SURRENDER ANIMAL FOR DESTRUCTION	\$ 100.00
6.04.110 A.	IMMUNIZATION FOR RABIES	\$ 100.00
6.04.110 B.1	FAILURE TO REPORT BITE — OWNER	\$ 50.00
6.04.110 B.2	FAILURE TO REPORT BITE — VICTIM	\$ 50.00
6.04.140 A.	INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICERS	\$ 100.00
6.04.180 A.	UNLAWFUL DEPOSITING OF DEAD ANIMALS	\$ 100.00
6.04.180 B.	FAILURE TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF DEAD ANIMAL	\$ 100.00
6.04.180 C.	TRANSPORT OF UNCOVERED DEAD ANIMAL	\$ 100.00
6.04.190 A.	FAILURE TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL KENNEL LICENSES	\$ 100.00

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

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Paul J. Whitney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, City Clerk

Yes: Carey, Chilson, Nelson, Parker, Wackler  
No: None  
Absent: Hutchings