

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2024-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT TO ENFORCE THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE

WHEREAS, Unalaska Code of Ordinances (UCO) Chapter 12.04 provides for animal control; and

WHEREAS, there are three malamute dogs in Unalaska which have been deemed vicious under the code; and

WHEREAS, the dogs have attacked two dogs without provocation; and

WHEREAS, one of the dogs died as a result of injuries sustained during the attack. The dog's owner sustained injuries to his face and hands while trying to protect his dog; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the fatal April attack which resulted in human injury, the dogs were under a lawful order to be restrained and muzzled. The dogs were not restrained or muzzled; and

WHEREAS, the owner has been cited seven times for conduct stemming from the two incidents in October and April. The citation in October was not sufficient to prevent the April attack and it is believed more than citations will be necessary to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, due to the dogs' demeanor, the City has not been able to impound them; and

WHEREAS, local veterinary professionals who are familiar with the dogs believe that injury to humans is likely, that the behavior of the dogs is unlikely to change, and that destruction of the dogs may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the UCO § 1.24.010 allows for injunctive relief in addition to other remedies. A suit for injunctive relief would allow judicial intervention to ensure public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes the City Attorney to file a civil suit for injunctive and other relief against the owner of the dogs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on June 11, 2024.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Estkarlen P. Magdaong
City Clerk