1<sup>st</sup> Reading: June 26, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: July 10, 2017

**Presented By:** City Manager

Action Taken: Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

#### **CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

### ORDINANCE NO. 17-07-01

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.30 (ANIMAL CONTROL) OF THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome ("City") recognizes that occasionally a pet owner can become unable to properly and adequately care for their pet(s); and,

WHEREAS, the Nome Code of Ordinances currently establishes a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for animal surrender; and,

WHEREAS, the City believes that some animals are being let loose rather than surrendered because the surrender fee is too high; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City feels that it is able to accept these unwanted animals for the actual cost of care, rather than as a mechanism for profit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Nome Common Council formally amends Chapter 10.30 to reduce the cost for animal surrender.

**Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 10.30.** Chapter 10.30 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby created to read as follows [deleted text is overstruck; added text is underlined]:

### 10.30.075 Surrender of unwanted animals.

- (a) The owner of an unwanted animal may surrender animal for immediate adoption by bringing the animal to the city animal control facility and upon payment of one hundred fifty forty dollars; provided, that:
  - (1) The animal is more than ten weeks old;
  - (2) The owner presents proof of all current vaccinations; and
  - (3) The owner provides an affidavit that the animal is not aggressive and has not harmed a person or another animal prior to being surrendered.
- (b) Acceptance of unwanted animals is at the discretion of the enforcement officer and upon space being available at the shelter. (Ord. O-14-01-01 § 2 (part), 2014)
- **Section 2. Effective Date**. This ordinance is effective upon passage.

## **Section 3. Classification.** This is a Code ordinance.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

RICHARD BENEVILLE,

Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND,

Clerk