

**OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW (OSOVCC) COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
MAY 2018**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS AT THE
CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY NATURAL AREA (CCENA).**

WHEREAS, the Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area (CCENA) Master Plan was approved by the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission in October of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the CCENA Master Plan was adopted by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly on December 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of the public and stakeholders in the development of the CCENA Master Plan asserted that CCENA should be developed as an area prohibiting use by dogs and other domestic animals (see page 18 of the CCENA Master Plan); and

WHEREAS, CCENA is encumbered with a Conservation Easement, which provides strict controls over use and development of the property; and

WHEREAS, to raise funds for CCENA and preserve the values of this rich tapestry of habitat ecosystems upon which a diversity of birds, fish, and other wildlife depend, the Great Land Trust (GLT) applied for and was awarded money for conservation and preservation purposes from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, and the Great Land Trust, Inc.'s in Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation program to offset impacts to wetlands elsewhere in the Municipality Of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage (owner) and GLT (holder of the Conservation Easement) collaborated with community stakeholders to develop the Master Plan to make this unique property accessible to the public while preserving those values that the Conservation Easement seeks to protect; and

WHEREAS, recent and continuing challenges about the legality of walking one's domestic animals, especially dogs, at CCENA, despite CCENA rules already posted by MOA (with GLT and Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (FAR)) through their work with Alaska State Parks); and

1 WHEREAS Anchorage currently hosts 7 Off-Leash Dog Parks, and citizens are free to
2 walk their dogs at all other parks and just about anywhere else they wish in the city, as long as
3 they follow the leash law (17.10.010) and the scoop the poop law (17.10.015).

4 WHEREAS, OSOVCC seeks to ensure that citizens and other visitors to CCENA be able
5 to enjoy the natural area, its flora and fauna, in its natural state, as planners and the mindful
6 community process intended; and

7 WHEREAS, the maintenance of CCENA as it was intended will enrich future
8 generations with a quiet and peaceful place to observe these diverse habitats and the wildlife that
9 depend upon them, as stipulated in the Conservation Easement, and recommended in the Master
10 Plan.

11 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
12 urges that this proposed ordinance be established- to take into account the negative impacts by
13 dogs and other domestic animals on CCENA and its unique natural values to wildlife,
14 neighborhood, and other citizens and visitors.

15 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
16 requests that the Municipality of Anchorage establish an ordinance prohibiting dogs and other
17 domestic animals at CCENA.

18 Resolved this day MAY 16, 2018. VOTE WAS 9 YEA/3NAY

Steven Beardsley

Signature

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

President OSOVCC

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