

Chapter 16.10 PREVENTION OF RODENTS ON SAINT PAUL ISLAND

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16.10.010 Purpose.

Control of rodents on Saint Paul Island is critical to the preservation of bird species, fur seals, and other wildlife inhabiting the island, which would be catastrophically harmed by the introduction of rodents to the island. The City finds it necessary and prudent to develop and enforce this ordinance.

16.10.020 Definitions.

a) The following terms are defined for the purpose of this Ordinance:

- 1) Rodent – a mammal of the order Rodentia, including but not limited to the Norway or brown rat (*Rattus norvegicus* Berkenhout), the roof or black rat (*Rattus* L.), and the house mouse (*Mus musculus* L.).
- 2) Vessel – A craft travelling on water, including any motorized or non-motorized ship, boat, or barge.
- 3) Entity - Any governmental, profit, or non-profit organization.
- 4) Structure - Anything that is constructed or erected and located on or under the ground, or attached to something fixed to the ground, including a walled and roofed building.
- 5) Food source - Any substance containing nutrients that can be ingested by a rodent for continued survival, including but not limited to food consumable by humans or food waste, and fish processing waste.
- 6) Rodent control measures - Officially approved traps, poison, and/or boxes to capture and/or eliminate rodents.
- 7) Rodent signs – indication of rodent activity, including but not limited to feces, chew marks, odors, tracks, holes, noise, or grease marks.
- 8) Rodent prevention program—Program approved by the municipality demonstrating the ability of the entity or individual to comply with this Chapter 16.10 by eliminating the

risk of rodent access to food sources, providing for rodent monitoring, and employing a trap, sticky-board, bait station program, or other means of systematic eradication.

16.10.030 Prevention program.

All individuals and entities using real property on Saint Paul Island to engage in commercial activity that results in the storage, generation or disposal of food sources, shall maintain and comply with a rodent prevention program. No individual or entity shall permit the presence of a rodent on the real property. The rodent prevention program shall include the display of informational signs in prominent locations regarding:

- (1) The environmental dangers posed by rodents.
- (2) How to detect signs of rodents.
- (3) The process for reporting rodent sightings.

16.10.040 Aircraft and vessels.

All vessels within one (1) mile of Saint Paul Island shall be rodent free. Any vessel in violation of this provision shall immediately be evicted from the Saint Paul Harbor and the waters surrounding Saint Paul Island. All aircraft landing on Saint Paul Island shall be rodent free. Any aircraft in violation of this provision shall immediately be evicted from Saint Paul.

16.10.050 Food source control.

All individuals and entities engaged in commercial activity that results in the storage, generation or disposal of food sources, shall store food sources in accordance with their specified rodent prevention program.

16.10.060 Inspections and certificates.

(a) Any real property subject to Chapter 16.10.030 or vessel may be routinely inspected during normal business hours for compliance with this Chapter. If the municipality has reason to believe there is a rodent present on the real property or vessel, or a different violation of this Chapter has occurred, the inspection may occur at any time of the day.

(b) All structures subject to Chapter 16.10.030 shall obtain from the municipality a certificate of inspection that shall be permanently displayed in or upon the structure.

16.10.70 Infested structures or vessels.

(a) Any sighting of a rodent or rodent indicia shall create a rebuttable presumption of a rodent infestation, which shall be reported to the municipality within two (2) hours. Reports shall be made to Public Safety.

(b) Upon notification of infested, the City Manager or designee is authorized to take any measure reasonably related to containing the infestation and eradicating the rodent(s) including, but not limited to, requiring the cessation of any use or occupancy of the real property or vessel or isolating the structure. All costs of such containment shall be borne by the owner of the structure.

(c) The **City Manager** shall cause written notice of such action to be delivered to any owner or occupant, or by posting on the real property or vessel. The owner, occupant, or other interested **person** may, within 24 hours of receipt of said notice, request a hearing by the **City Manager** or designee to contest the action taken or rebut the presumption of an infestation. Such hearing shall be held within 48 hours of request. The contesting party bears the burden of demonstrating the absence of rodents.

16.10.80 Elimination of infestation.

Any owner or user of any real property or vessel presumed to be infested by rodents shall comply, at the owner or user's sole cost, with any order by the **City Manager** or designee to immediately undertake rodent control measures to eradicate any rodent. Notice and appeal rights shall be in accordance with Chapter 16.10.070(c).

16.20.90 Penalty.

Any **person** or entity that violates this chapter is, upon conviction, guilty of a **City** offense and is punishable as a Level II offense as set forth in **CCO 9.05.020**. [Code 1979 § 9.08.]