

UACC MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2021

1. Opening and Welcome and Introductions

At 7:01 UACC President Paul Stang opened the meeting. UACC Vice President Al Milspaugh then detailed the protocols for tonight's meeting. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and there should be no expectation of privacy. Also, members present on tonight's Zoom meeting should identify themselves by using a UA identifier preceding their first and last name. He explained that members are residents, business owners, or institution representatives within the UACC boundaries. 33 persons were in attendance of all or part of the meeting.

2. Approval of the May 2021 Meeting minutes

Mary Lu Harle moved to approve the May minutes. Susan Share seconded the motion. President Stang recommended that this State and Assembly representative's be identified by their titles rather than by first name. Susan Klein noted that Representative Sponholz is a resident of UACC rather than a guest. With these changes the UACC voted unanimously to approve the May minutes.

3. Approval of the July 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Mary Lu Harle moved to approve the July minutes as written. Susan Klein seconded the motion. The UACC voted unanimously to approve the July Minutes.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

President Stang introduced tonight's agenda. Susan Klein moved to approve the agenda, with Mary Lu Harle seconding. President Stang prefaced that the discussion on the Homeless Facilities commentary will need to reflect the new proposal that has been drafted by the joint Municipal Assembly and Administration Committee on Homelessness. Assembly-person Meg Zaletel will give an update on the progress of this proposal. With these updates the agenda was approved as written.

In addition, President Stang noted that former UACC President Susan Klein was not present at the May meeting where she was presented with a UACC commendation for her past service with the UACC as well as her recent exemplary work as FCC Executive Assistant.

5. Informational Reports

A. Reports from Public Servants

- 1. State Senator Bill Wielechowski-** Senator Wielechowski reported on the proceedings of the 4th Special Legislative Session. He indicated that he does not anticipate that session will produce agreement on the Budget or the PFD formula. He feels we are getting to a budget fiscal cliff, and that

the Legislature may have to deal with it in next year's regular session. He also noted that Federal Covid-19 funds are continuing to come to Alaska. Of note are the \$7 million transportation infrastructure funds.

2. **State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson-** For details on Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson's presentation see her written report to UACC under Attachment 3.
3. **State House Representative Andy Josephson-** Representative Josephson indicated that he is out of State and will returning soon the Juneau. He feels that the legislature worked hard to pass a budget but feels that Governor vetoed much more than he thought appropriate. He also noted that the Governor wants a large Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD), but does not provide any leadership on how to pay for it, particularly since it require new revenue streams.
4. **State Representative Ivy Sponholz-** Representative Sponholz noted that there is nothing special about the special session. She mentioned that the Governor's proposal take a structural fiscal deficit and constitutionalizes it. She described the House Ways and Means Sub-Committee proposal that deals with righting the budget by modernizing the PFD formula, providing for government funding through percent of market value approach, and proposing spending cap reforms. She indicated a moderate PFD and modest new taxes could provide for a balanced budget into the future.

Mark Fink asked how many times the PFD statutory formula has been changed. Representative Sponholz replied that she is proposing a change in the formula to 75/25, which would allow for the above mentioned benefits.

Scott Stansbury stated that new little taxes would be devastating to people in the current economic environment. Representative Sponholz replied that a new fuel tax increase, reduction in the oil per barrel tax credit, and a small $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent payroll tax would be all that is needed if the PFD formula was modernized.

5. **Anchorage Assembly-person Felix Rivera-** Assembly-person Rivera reported that the Assembly had received the Mayor's budget on October 1st. He indicated that there will be 2 or 3 public hearings on this proposed budget. The Assembly has untill December 10th to pass the budget, but will try to get it done by late November. He noted that the budget proposes to move Library Services to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Crisis Team from the Fire Department top the Police Department.

Assembly-person Rivera also reported on the recent Assembly hearing on the Mask Ordinance proposal. He noted that there have already been five (5) days of public testimony, with another day scheduled. He hopes that the Assembly can start deliberations tomorrow. There have already been 16 amendments to the proposed ordinance. He also indicated that there is a high likelihood of a mayoral veto if the ordinance passes. He is not sure how the Assembly will deal with that consequence.

Susan Share asked Assembly-person Rivera whether he had seen the recent letter from Providence Hospital describing the dire Covid-19 situation at the hospital, and imploring people to mask and social distance when in public and get vaccinated to help clamp down the crisis situation existing at hospitals. Assembly-person Rivera responded by saying the Assembly is trying to get the hearings done as soon as possible and get to a vote so as to assist the hospitals.

- 6. Anchorage Assembly-person Pete Peterson-** He said that he is a co-sponsor of the mask ordinance. He indicated that there have been over 200 people testifying on the ordinance so far. There have also been over 3000 emails on the mask ordinance. Assembly-person Peterson also noted that the Mayor's budget proposes to cut/reduce the use of overtime within the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD). The AFD Administrative staff would be restricted during the 9 PM to 9 AM shift. He was not in favor of this change, due to safety and response time concerns. Finally, he made request that people consider volunteering for the Board of Equalization. They need more volunteers and would require about 25 to 20 hours of work, primarily in the spring.
- 7. Anchorage Assembly-person Meg Zaletel-** As a co-sponsor of the mask ordinance she noted that it would be required only to indoor situations, though would be encouraged for outdoor settings, and would not be required for active participants of sports. She also noted there would be no public enforcement. The ordinance would be turned on or off depending on the percentage of ICU bed occupancy, and where there has been 7 consecutive days up or down of high levels of Covid positive testing rates. She also noted that large number of hours (over 500) the Homeless and Housing Work-group has put in to creating a solution to the Homeless Crisis in Anchorage.
- 8. Anchorage Assembly-person Forrest Dunbar-** He noted that the details of the Homeless proposals need diligence by the UACC. It is a compromise plan and he is worried about the sequencing of implementing various portions of the proposal as it moves forward. Of note is what is beyond the Sullivan occupancy particularly in the short term? He feels the

best available option would be to move forward on the purchase of the old mid-town Alaska Club on Tudor Road to provide for better transition.

9. Anchorage School Board Member Carl Jacobs- He noted that October 15th would be the end of the first quarter, with parent teacher conferences being held on October 20-21. The Superintendent has the authority to require the use of masks in schools dependent on the status of Covid-19 in the schools. The ASD has administered over 4300 tests since the start of the school year. Results can be obtained by going to the ASD website Covid-19 dashboard. The next School Board meeting will be held on October 19th at 6 PM. Students will be given priority for public testimony at all ASD Board meetings.

10. UAA Representative Ryan Bucchholdt- UAA Rep Bucchholdt indicated he would try to arrange having recently appointed Chancellor Shean Parnell attend the November or December meeting. He indicated that Chancellor Parnell is striving for budget stability, with emphasis on obtaining outside partnership support. He said there will be a mask requirement at UAA this fall, being required in indoor settings or in large outdoor settings where social distancing is not possible. He also indicated that the positive tests on campus is low, being in the single digits. Of note he said the Board of Regents has established a new bachelor program in early childhood education. He said that the University is in the 4th year of a seven (7) year accreditation process that evaluated the core competencies for personal, professional, and community engagement. UAA is also looking to help in the moral of health care workers at the Providence and Alaska Health Consortium.

6. Old Business- None

7. New Business and Public Comment

A. Title 21 Proposed Changes –Krista Scott/Steve Callaghan-Krista Scott explained that the UACC Executive Board response to the Title 21 change proposals is not controversial (sent out with the agenda). Paul Stang noted that these comments to the proposed changes needed to be sent in before this meeting. If there is concern about particular comments get back to Krista and the Executive Board and an addendum to comments can be sent in. Steve Callaghan noted that the UACC recommend deletion of reference to a Title 21 User guide since one was never prepared. Krista Scott with Mark Fink seconding moved that the comments as prepared be sent officially to the Municipality. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. R-2 Zoning Height and Bulk Standard-Krista Scott-Krista discussed the proposed changes to these standards. She reviewed the public comments and

found that she recommended that the UACC has no objection to these new standards and had no further comment. Susan Share, with Mark Fink seconding, moved that the UACC adopt this recommendation. This motion was adopted unanimously

- C. Contaminated Soils cleanup-new subdivisions-Krista Scott-** Krista explained that this standard in the regulations though this is what the process is as it happens now. So this regulatory change just codifies this process and she recommends that the UACC not oppose this proposal. Susan Share asked whether there is a need for higher standards. Response was that this happens on a site specific basis. UACC membership vote had no opposition to this recommendation.

Barbara Garner brought up the need for environment cleanup on property north of Folker Park. After discussion it was identified that the property is owned by the Alaska Community Mental Health Services.(ASMHS) Mary Lu Harle, with second by Susan Share moved that the UACC contact ASMHS via email to request that they evaluate their property for environmental contamination and if found contaminated do necessary cleanup. The motion was approved by UACC by vote of 17 for with one abstention.

- D. Baxter Senior Living-Subdivision 3 lots into 1- Krista Scott-** Krista Scott recommended that the UACC not oppose this proposal. It allows for the respectful development of the Baxter Senior Living facilities. She has heard of no concerns from the neighborhood about this proposal. Krista Scott with Mark Fink seconding moved that UACC not oppose this proposal. The motion was passed unanimously with 18 votes.

- E. Draft Homeless Facilities Commentary for submission to Anchorage Daily News-Paul Stang-** President Stang opened by saying that the commentary was prepared before the facilitated discussion between Municipal Assembly Members and the Mayor's Office Representatives came up with an interim report that is significantly different than the Mayor's original proposal. He said that there was limited public involvement with the process and Assembly-person Meg Zaletel was here to explain the process and its outcome as part of that public involvement process.

Assembly-person Zaletel first explained that the Mayor's Mass Shelter Tudor option had been before the Assembly two (2) times and did not garner the needed support to move forward. To move forward with solutions the facilitated process was put together for a proposed Sullivan Arena mass care exit strategy and long term intervention. She indicated that next Tuesday an

Assembly Resolution would be made for a proposed assembly approach to move forward with a process further explore the interim reports viability.

Ms. Zaletel indicated the proposal would be client friendly and would emphasize public/private partnerships. There would be a no barrier navigation center. There would be five (5) sites distributed throughout Anchorage to help minimize impacts to any one neighborhood. There is no potential to get out of Sullivan Arena this winter so emphasis is now on long term solutions.

So how would this occur? The facilities would focus on separate populations, such as single adults, special populations, medical convalescents, people experiencing substance abuse disorder, and housing first needs. The plan would go forward to establish criteria for selection of components of the plan, a schedule of items for completion, and cost of the items. The five (5) facilities would need to come up with the 758 beds or units which approximates to 6,745 people annually.

A financial plan has not been prepared for this process until an actual plan is completed. Ms. Zaletel said that funding sources are not identified and there will be no one pot where money comes from. Implementation will not take away from existing facilities. One big question is how Philanthropy would work into the overall funding, both in development of infrastructure and in kind services.

On October 7th a request will come out asking for other parcels or facilities that might meet the needs of the proposed approach. On October 21st the Assembly would consider the proposals. For more information on the process see: <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/documents/webpage%20-%20committee%20on%20housing%20and%20homelessness/proposed%20approach%20for%20road%20shows%20100621-%20updated.pdf>

After Ms. Zaletel's presentation it was opened up to questions. Reverend John Mantia asked how will neighborhood impacts been calculated. Ms. Zaletel reported that various types of facilities including specialized facilities will help spread out the impacts. The half mile no tolerance zones would be where facilities would be prohibited would keep potential impacts away from sensitive areas.

Doniella Dozier asked how does the top five (5) sites replace the Sullivan Arena and could the single mass center facility get done before the hockey season? Ms. Zaletel replied no one site replaces the Sullivan and the single mass facility structure would take more than 48 weeks to construct and the cost is an order of magnitude greater than estimated by the Mayoral original proposal. The costs of the individual estimates facilities are engineering report.

Marguerite Iverson questioned what the vote on the October 27th would involve. Ms. Zaletel responded that the resolution would call for an exit strategy from the Sullivan Arena with a policy statement to proceed forward in the fashion outlined in the interim report, i.e.; to move forward on five (5) sites. Marguerite then asked how long would the Sullivan Area be used as a mass care facility. Assembly-person Zaletel replied that it would remain as such until clients have some place else to go.

Scott Stansbury opined that a single mass care navigation center approach would be cheaper and a more efficient method to provide care for clients. Ms. Zaletel reminded that she and the work group think different for several reasons. First, the ratio of service providers to clients remain the same for all facilities so there is no personnel savings costs. Second; studies have shown that people don't want to go to big facilities for several reasons, such as fear of perpetrators or having their special needs overlooked in large group settings. Finally, she stated that the goal of maximizing public/private partnerships is better met with the multiple facility approach.

James Riske asked when would the Wolverine hockey team be able to play in the Sullivan Arena? Ms. Zaletel replied that would only occur after the mass care needs of the people experiencing homelessness provided by the Sullivan Arena are met.

Al Milspaugh asked what is the financial loss to the Municipality by not having the Wolverine hockey team play in the Sullivan Arena? Ms. Zaletel replied that that cost figure has not been articulated. Wolverines may be able to play in another city facility, such as the Ben Boeke facility.

State Representative Ivy Sponholz cautioned on relying too much on the use of the Alcohol Tax revenues for mass crisis care, as 2/3 of the revenue are earmarked for programs that deal with the impact of child abuse and sexual assault. Ms. Zaletel acknowledged that though multiple facility approach allows for more partners, there is still much work to be done on the operating side. She stated that garnering outside funds for capital facility improvements is easier than obtaining long term funding for yearly operating cost. Certainly they do not want to over promise.

UACC President Paul Stang had concerns about having a large care facility in one area. He noted the example of the chaotic situation that happened on Third Avenue and the impact to the surrounding neighborhood. He supported distributing small facilities throughout the city to lessen potential for a repeat situation. He cautioned against developing a site at Tudor and Elmore, as the 100 bed Baptist Gospel Rescue Mission facility in conjunction with the potential to development of the Alaska Club facility west of the Se-

ward Highway would create significant impacts UACC/Tudor area. He also noted the problematic location of an additional facility at the Tudor and Elmore site as would potentially impact overcrowded emergency rooms since the facility is within short walking distance to these services. He stressed the need for EMT rapid response capabilities at multiple facilities to reduce this problem.

Ms. Zaletel replied that a EMT rapid response modal would be used at all facilities that are developed. Medical clinics would be provided at all sites. She indicated that the Tudor/Elmore site is not a forgone conclusion. She also wondered what the Gospel Rescue Mission status would be post Covid-19. She felt she needed to get more information from our community and ways to address the situation.

Paul Stang questioned the size of the proposed Elmore/Tudor facility. He said the report indicated a normal capacity of 200, but an additional 140 for winter surge, which adds up to a capacity close to the Mayors original proposal. Additionally, he stated we're concerned that the Municipality would build this bigger facility, then run out of money and not build the rest. Hence the Tudor/Elmore facility would become the sole mass care facility. Ms. Zaletel replied that the new proposal is less than half the Mayor's original proposal. The winter surge capacity is a legal requirement when temperatures are 10 degrees are lower, as such all five (5) facilities would take some of the surge capacity. The process is an iterative one and the present identified sites and new additional sites identified through the request for potential site proposal would be evaluated to see how they meet the surge capacity requirements. President Stang iterated that numerous studies have validated that smaller facilities are is better. Ms. Zaletel agreed, and felt that 150 bed facilities are ideal. She is uncertain if the municipality can get to this number for all facilities, but stated they will need a variance if they are to go over this number. She also stressed that they do not want to underestimate the need and then not meet the need of the unhoused population.

Daniella DeLozier had question about whether sites need to be selected before can go out to a RFP process for site development. Ms. Zaletel agreed that the sites will need to be selected for contractors to give bid estimates for development and construction. After the bid is awarded, the project would have to go through a formal planning and zoning process to get a construction permit. The additional sites that meet criteria coming in on 10/21 would provide additional information needed for the 10/27 Assembly meeting. Here the Assembly would vote whether pursuing additional identified site

for development and an exit strategy for Sullivan Arena as a mass care facility is good policy.

Krista Scott had a question about what process would be used to select the actual contractors for the facilities. She used the example of the present contractors at the Sullivan Arena; Ms. Zaletel replied that the contracts would be awarded through the normal competitive bidding process through the city purchasing department. It would not use the sole source model that occurred at the Sullivan Arena.

Finally, President Paul Stang again iterated that smaller is the better concept. He emphasized the impact that a facility that allowed for 340 clients could have on our neighborhood and parks. He stated that smaller (<200 bed) capacity facilities are also much more humane. He summed up by saying he hopes the RFI turns up some more cost effective sites. Ms. Zaletel replied the Assembly Anchor Home document is used as a model. She stated the Assembly has looked at over 70 sites where providing affordable housing the 10/21 RFI should provide some other possibilities. Also, she noted that retrofitting older facilities might be in some cases more costly than new construction. Also, the opportunity to lease has not been extensively examined but could be in the mix for solutions to the unhoused person situation. Finally, she said she looked forward to working on UACC concerns in coming up with the policy going forward. President Stang said he thinks this is a good idea and thanked Assembly-person Zaletel for her presentation and response to the concerns of the UACC members.

Draft Homeless Facilities Commentary for submission to Anchorage Daily News (ADN) proposal and vote

After the preceding extensive discussion of the Facilitated Collaborative Process between Administration and Legislative Drafting Groups and their Proposed Sullivan Arena Mass Care Exit Strategy and Long Term Intervention report, President Stang Paul led discussion whether the UACC should proceed whether to vote on sending this commentary to ADN. President Stang noted that the Community Council Presidents did not have the aforementioned report before preparation of the commentary so he noted two options, one of going forward with the commentary, or the other deferring the sending in the, or rewriting the commentary, in recognition of this additional information. General UACC consensus was to defer sending in the commentary until better informed. There was no motion from the UACC membership to send in the commentary so the proposal died. The matter could be brought up before the UACC as more information is obtained.

F. Public Comments/Open Dialog-

President Stang noted that a Special Municipal Election in Assembly District 4 of the Municipality of Anchorage will be held on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021**. Only UACC members who reside in District 4 will get a mail ballot. If one did not receive a ballot they can call 343-VOTE to obtain assistance. There is also a ballot box located at the UAA Alaska Airlines Sports Center parking lot for those who wish not to use regular US mail.

8. **Adjournment:** Al Milspaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Fink seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent 9:00 pm.

Signed

Paul R. Stang, UACC President

Atch 3

1. UACC proposed amendment to the building height and bulk regulations (Case No. 2021-0111)
2. UACC proposed amendments to Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Title 21 (Case No. 2021-0126)
3. Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson's Notes

Attachment 1:

On Oct 26, 2021, at 5:33 PM, Krista Scott <kleigh.scott@gmail.com> wrote:

Regarding Case No. 2021-0111, a proposed amendment to the building height and bulk regulations in the R-2A, R-2D, and R-2M residential zoning districts (R-2 districts). This is a text amendment to the regulations in Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 Zoning Ordinance (Title 21).

The UACC has no additional comments on the proposed edits.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Respectfully,

Krista Scott

UACC P&Z

Attachment 2:

From: Krista Scott <kleigh.scott@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 4:05 PM

Subject: Title 21, Case No. 2021-0126

To: <corliss.kimmel@anchorageak.gov>, <lori.blake@anchorageak.gov>

Lori/ Corliss, I apologize I was out of town last week but I just noticed that the meeting for this item is set for November 8th but comments were due October 18th. Hopefully, you can still accept comments from the UACC below. I don't believe any of them were significantly controversial but some questions and clarifications.

Thank you,
Krista Scott
UACC P&Z

The following are UACC Comments received regarding proposed amendments to Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Title 21, Case No. 2021-0126 (referenced page numbers and sections are from the proposed amendments document (30 pages)

Section 1: Time extension for Land Use Permits:

- This is needed at this time, especially if the fees for the extension are minimal and only increase the cost of construction by a small amount.
- Does this apply to both land use permits and all types of building permits, tenant improvements, new construction, site and grading, etc?

Section 2: No Comments.

Section 3: Currently there are two shed size requirements referenced in Title 21...150 and 200 square feet.

- Is having one consistent size the rationale for this change?
- This does not seem like a substantial change from 150 square feet (4.5 sheets of plywood flooring) compared to 200 square feet (six sheets of plywood flooring).
- Page 2 of 30, AMC 21.05.070B - There should be some rationale for increasing the size of up to two qualifying sheds or greenhouses from 150 square feet to 200 square feet within a required side or rear setback.

Section 4: Aircraft Hangar to be added to Table of Accessory uses.

- AMC 21.05.070C – If "Aircraft hangar, private residential" is to be added into the Table of Accessory Uses, it should have a corresponding definition in Title 21.05.070D2.

Section 5: ADU Standards.

- It makes sense to build to the building code as opposed to the standards for two-family dwellings.
- This may affect areas of Anchorage outside of the building Safety Area.
- Should make consideration of its impact on neighbor's property value and aesthetics.

Section 6: Allowing Variances for ADU's.

- It is reasonable to allow for variances, and there is no guarantee that a variance will be approved.

Section 7: Connexes.

- Probably need to clarify that these are for storage and not for living space, but are included in the calculation for lot coverage.
- Does adding a roof and siding exclude the connex as an accessory structure?
- If a connex was sided and roofed and connected to the primary structure, it would then be considered as part of the primary structure and would need to comply with side, rear, and front setbacks.
- It would downgrade the property and that of the neighbors

Section 8: Noncommercial equipment and vehicle storage.

- Outdoor storage as described rapidly degrades the property/neighborhood and should be minimized. This is a welcomed addition.

Section 9: R-3 Mixed residential standards.

- No issues, clarifying the mixed use land use requirements.

Section 10: Porches and roofs over porches, entry area, etc.

- This should be limited to existing structures. New construction can be designed within the set back.
- More or less installing arctic entries and decks for ingress or egress to the building.

- The allowance of a five foot long by maximum fifty percent length of the front of the building frontage should help with accessible ramps, stairs, etc. especially with regards to existing structures.

Section 11: Eliminating requirement for landscape architects to stamp landscape plans.

- There is a reason for health, safety and welfare, the practice of landscape architecture is a regulated profession in the State of AK.
- Keep the requirement for larger projects. Increase the threshold for this requirement from projects requiring 1,000 square feet of landscaping to projects requiring 2,000 square feet.
- This proposed amendment is not identified in the 2-page summary memorandum. There is no rationale for this change.

Section 12: Off street parking for restaurants.

- Welcomed change. Restaurants have different interior areas with separate actual uses.
- Outdoor seating should be increased, not reduced

Section 13: Off street parking and loading, Paving.

- This addition is reasonable. Paving next to gravel is problematic. RAP is a good choice. eventually every road an alley will be paved in Anchorage.

Section 14: Alleys and parking/site access.

- We understand this is already in action and the amendment would codify this proactive.

Section 15: Unit lot subdivision increase in number of lots.

- The unit lot subdivision is designed for higher density housing in areas such as downtown Anchorage.
- Does this addition change actions allowable through a short plat process?
- Will this change trigger a long plat process for unit lot subdivisions?

Section 16: Girdwood land use Table 21.09-2.

- Is a commercial use is being added that may affect Residential zoning districts?
- Parking areas and "private" parking areas are really no different in function or design.

Section 17: Downtown areas elimination of front and rear setbacks.

- There is no rationale given for this change.
- There are existing incentives to achieve increased dwelling units. Setbacks should not be eliminated without other concessions.
- Most structures have already been constructed to the front lot line and side lot lines.

Section 18: Signs

- No issues on clarification of freestanding sign regulations.

Section 19: Temporary Signs.

- Minor changes regarding temporary signs. No issues.

Section 20 through the end: Elimination of Title 21 User Guide.

- This is general housekeeping and eliminating confusion. Should have been included in the rewrite as the User Guide does not exist.

Attachment 3: Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes-Spenard Community Council October 6, 2021

Happy October everyone!

Autumn is finally upon us, and the leaves are quickly turning into beautiful colors and for some, the snow has arrived.

Fourth Special Session

With three special sessions behind us, we gaveled in for the 4th special session on October 4th. During the special session, I'll join other legislators to address:

- An act making appropriations for a supplemental 2021 PFD for eligible Alaskans.
- An Act related to the Permanent Fund Dividend program.
- SJR 6, HJR 7 or similar resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund.
- SJR 5, HJR 6 or similar resolutions or acts proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.
- An Act relating to measures to increase state revenues.

After gaveling in and much deliberation, the House passed a resolution (HCR 40) that allows the House and the Senate to recess for a period of more than three days, requiring the House and the Senate to convene on at least one additional calendar on or before October 21st and authorizing the presiding officers to convene their respective bodies as needed during the 4th special session.

The Senate gaveled in but did not consider the resolution. The Senate adjourned until Friday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m. and House adjourned until October 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Council met on Oct 5th to implement guidelines for all legislative facilities which are to remain open under the following protocols:

- Face coverings/Mask are required in all legislative facilities regardless of vaccinations.
- Social Distancing is still strongly encouraged.
- Cycle testing/Screening will continue to happen.

- In the event of a positive test, the Legislature will follow CDC guidance for those individuals.
- Mandatory legislative COVID-19 protocol signage will be properly displayed for the public and can be found on the legislature internet page at www.akleg.gov.

The Growing Crisis

As we continue to see the number of COVID-cases increase, we must be mindful to do our part in stopping the spread. I encourage you to stay current on CDC guidelines, practice social distancing and wear your mask. Remember, free testing and vaccines are still being offered at various sites across Anchorage.



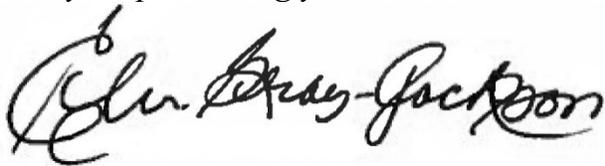
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