

Federation of Community Councils (FCC)

RESOLUTION 2019-01

Timely Notifications To Community Councils (CCs) So That Information Is Disseminated With At Least 31 Days Notice

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS, Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of lands within their boundaries. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has granted greater responsibilities to CCs for approval or review processes related to land use and zoning in Title 21, alcohol licenses, marijuana licenses, and other processes, in addition to councils' functions in commenting on capital improvement projects, draft ordinance, and other city business; **and**

WHEREAS, the (MOA) is a government agency funded by the people for services for the citizens of the Anchorage Municipality. Community councils are all-volunteer organizations and rely on active participation from the community to function effectively; **and**

WHEREAS, communication with the residents of the Municipality should be priority for the MOA in pursuing input for the needs and wants of its residents; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of these requested changes to the modification process to give CCs more opportunities "to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination" as is their stated purpose in the MOA charter.

WHEREAS, there has been lack of the MOA involving the community in its decisions by lack of timely dissemination of information **and**

WHEREAS, many times information is provided to the CCs too late for the Councils to disseminate the information to their members and get feedback before there are action deadlines; **and**

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the residents, through their FCC, of the MOA respectfully request that the Mayor's Office evaluate the public notice requirements of each of the MOA departments and that an update to processes be implemented so that information is disseminated to Community Councils with at least 31 days notice for the residents to provide input and with respect to each Council's Bylaws for notice to the community. The FCC now hereby request Chapter 21.03 be amended as follows:

1. Section 21.03-020.H(2) Table 21.03-1 (Summary of notice requirements): Add line to include: Utility Comprehensive plan changes, and infrastructure changes on utility easements with notice requirement including Written, Published and Community Councils.
2. Section 21.03-020.H(3.b): Change from "500" to "1,000" feet.
3. Section 21.03-020.H(6): Add to line 5 prior to end of sentence word "above", with the additional requirement of 31 days minimal notice to Community Councils.
4. Section 21.03-020.H(7): Add to line 5 after ...parties. "Failure of a party to receive written notice shall NOT invalidate subsequent action.

Resolution Vote: For 19, Against 0, Abstain 1

This resolution was approved by the Federation of Community Councils this day of **May 15, 2019**.



Matt Burkholder, FCC Chair