



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 724-2021

Meeting Date: October 28, 2021

1 **From: Assembly Chair LaFrance, Vice Chair Constant**

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3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING**
4 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CODIFY MANAGEMENT**
5 **AUTHORITY OVER ASSEMBLY PREMISES, AND REGARDING**
6 **USE OF MUNICIPAL RESOURCES BY THE ASSEMBLY, TO**
7 **ENSURE THAT THE ASSEMBLY MAY SAFELY, EFFICIENTLY,**
8 **AND EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT BUSINESS.**
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11 The attached ordinance clarifies and codifies long-standing municipal
12 practice regarding Assembly meetings and workspaces.

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14 The ordinance confirms that the Chair of the Assembly has management
15 authority over Assembly premises, which are defined to mean: Assembly meeting
16 spaces and areas that support meetings (both in the Loussac Library and at City
17 Hall); the Assembly and Clerk's office spaces located in City Hall; and other space
18 customarily used by the legislative branch departments.

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20 To ensure that the Assembly may effectively conduct its business safely,
21 efficiently, and without unreasonable interruption or delay, the ordinance also
22 provides that "[n]o person shall act to frustrate, or unreasonably deny to the
23 presiding officer municipal resources needed to exercise the presiding officer's
24 management authority over assembly premises." The provision ensures that
25 security, IT, audio/visual, heating and cooling, utilities, and other resources needed
26 to conduct an Assembly meeting will be made available to the Assembly.

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28 The ordinance also makes conforming changes to Title 25 of Municipal Code.

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30 We request your support for the ordinance.

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