ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01-02

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF THE UPDATE TO ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) TITLE 21, CHAPTER 11: DOWNTOWN LAND USE CODE.

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2022-0129)

WHEREAS, the Downtown Community Council (DCC) as an advisory body to the Anchorage Assembly was established under Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40.040, Establishment of Community Council Districts; and

WHEREAS, the DCC's mission is to serve and advocate for the downtown community and its vision is to represent downtown for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department initiated the update to AMC Title 21, Chapter 11: Downtown in January 2022, by including the DCC in monthly presentations and invited workshops to learn of our concerns and desires for downtown; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the downtown code are necessary and desirable because of changing conditions, new planning concepts, and the social and economic conditions facing our downtown; and

WHEREAS, the code update process also incorporated significant public input and engagement including interviews with developers, interviews with property owners and managers, presentations at several open houses, agency meetings, workshops with input from a working group of selected development industry professionals including architects, landscape architects, engineers, and municipal planning staff; and

WHEREAS, the code amendment is intended to provide the development and design community the land use regulatory tools that will allow them to provide new buildings in downtown to support our northern lifestyle, diverse climate, and regional identity, while helping to support economic development, tourism, cultural and historic activities, and safer streets and buildings in downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the code update at their December 12, 2022 regular meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DCC that the downtown code update meets the intents and desires of the community council and the businesses and property owners it represents and is supported by the council by a unanimous vote of the members.

Silvia Villamides, president

Andrea McCormick, secretary

Date