

1                                   **GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GHCC)**

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3   **RESOLUTION # 2019-03**

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5   **SUPPORTING ORDINANCE AO NO. 2018-115**

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8   **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Municipal Charter¶ 4.01 requires that the Assembly shall  
9 consist of 11 assembly members elected from “compact and contiguous territory  
10 containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area but  
11 otherwise does not dictate the Assembly Districts other than that they be reapportioned  
12 from time to time if they become malapportioned; and

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14   **WHEREAS**, under the current Municipal Code, § 2.25.010, there are six assembly  
15 election districts, of which 5 are two-member districts and one, the Downtown District,  
16 is represented by only one assembly member; and

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18   **WHEREAS**, historically it was anticipated that the single member district would  
19 periodically rotate, and

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21   **WHEREAS**, the Downtown district has been the only single member district for more  
22 than thirty years (since 1985); and

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24   **WHEREAS**, the Assembly is currently considering two possible ordinance  
25 amendments, one of which would amend the existing ordinance to establish 11 single  
26 member districts and one which would continue with five two-member districts and one  
27 single member district, but which would have the single member district rotate; and

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29   **WHEREAS** it is believed that the best and most equitable assembly representation is 11  
30 single member districts since this assures each assembly member shall reside relatively  
31 close to the neighborhood(s) he/she represents and that each assembly member shall  
32 have an equivalent burden in terms of addressing the needs and concerns of the  
33 community he/she represents; and

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35   **WHEREAS**, while the option of rotating the single member assembly district would  
36 relieve the Downtown assembly district of the disadvantages it has faced for the past 30  
37 odd years, it would merely place that onus on some other area of the Municipality rather  
38 than eliminating that disadvantage; and

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40   **WHEREAS**, there is no intent for amendment to the existing ordinances to be adopted  
41 as a reaction to any current member of the Assembly or to specifically direct or indicate

42 how new assembly districts should be drawn once reapportionment occurs;

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44 **NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** by the Government Hill Community Council  
45 that the Assembly adopt proposed ordinance AO No. 2018-115 which would amend  
46 AMC ¶ 2.15015 to require 11 single member assembly districts upon the next  
47 reapportionment.

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49 Adopted by the Government Hill Community Council at its regular meeting February  
50 21, 2019.

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53 **Resolution Vote:** For 11\_                      Against: \_0\_                      Abstain: \_0\_

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55 This resolution was approved by the Government Hill Community Council on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
56 day of February 2019.

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**Jody Sola, President, GHCC**