

1 **Federation of Community Councils (FCC) RESOLUTION 2019-01**

2 **Timely Notifications To Community Councils (CC's) So That Information Is**

3 **Disseminated With At Least 31 Days Notice**

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

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of these requested changes to the modification process to
22 give CC's more opportunities “to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum
23 community involvement and self-determination” as is their stated purpose in the
24 MOA charter.

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

27 **WHEREAS**, many times information is provided to the CC's too late for the
28 Councils to get the information to their members and get feedback before there are
29 action deadlines; **and**

30 **NOW THEREFORE THE FCC LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the residents,
31 through their FCC, of the MOA respectfully request that the Mayor’s Office
32 evaluate the public notice requirements of each of the MOA departments and that

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33 an update to processes be implemented so that information is disseminated to
34 Community Councils with at least 31 days notice for the residents to provide input
35 and with respect to each Council's Bylaws for notice to its community. The FCC
36 now hereby request Chapter 21.03 be amended as follows:

- 37 1. Section 21.03-020.H(2) Table 21.03-1 (Summary of notice requirements):
38 Add line to include: Utility Comprehensive plan changes, and infrastructure
39 changes on utility easements with notice requirement including Written,
40 Published, Posted and Community Councils.
- 41 2. Section 21.03-020.H(3.b): Change line 3 from "500" to "1,000" feet.
- 42 3. Section 21.03-020.H(6): Add to line 5 prior to end of sentence word "above
43 ", with the additional requirement of 31 days minimal notice to Community
44 Councils.
- 45 4. Section 21.03-020.H(7): Add to line 5 after ...parties. "Failure of a party to
46 receive written notice SHALL invalidate subsequent action.

47 **Resolution Vote:** For ___ Against: ___ Abstain: ___

48 This resolution was approved by the Federation of Community Councils this day
49 of April 17, 2019.

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52 Matt Burkholder, Chair, FCC