TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

c/o Federation of Community Councils 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

TO: Teresa Ressler, Land Manager, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport

FROM: Turnagain Community Council President Cathy Gleason

DATE: Monday, September 30, 2019

RE: Lease Agreement ADA-32306 6A Aviation, Inc. — 55-year lease of area east of the

end of the North-South Runway

Ms. Ressler,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on lease application ADA-32306, submitted by 6A Aviation, Inc. Due to time constraints so that comments can be submitted to you by today's comment deadline, these comments are submitted by me on behalf of Turnagain Community Council (TCC) in bullet form to reflect some of the numerous concerns TCC members have expressed with regard to this proposed lease and development proposal located on Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) property east of the north end of the North-South runway.

Due to the potentially serious, negative impacts of this proposal, TCC requests a meeting with you, Airport Manager Szczesniak, 6A Aviation officials, and other relevant parties at some point in the near future, to provide an opportunity to discuss this lease application proposal and more fully communicate our concerns.

Turnagain Community Council Concerns:

• MINIMAL MONETARY GAIN VS. GREAT TCC/COMMUNITY LOSS:

- o The proposed 55-year lease rental rate for approximately 1,225,081 sq. ft. @ \$0.18 per sq. ft. per year totals \$220,514.58 per year, and approximately \$12,128,301.00 for the life of the lease.
- o The location of this beautiful, naturally-wooded area adjacent to Woronzof Dr. and very near the nationally-recognized Tony Knowles Coastal Trail is priceless; it provided an essential visual, noise and air pollution buffer as well as a wildlife corridor between what would normally be two highly-incompatible land uses.
- o Retention of this land by the Airport in its existing, natural state is the <u>highest and best</u> <u>value</u> of this State land and should not be destroyed for the minimal price of \$0.18 per sq. ft. per year to TSAIA.

CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROPOSED MULTIPLE CARGO-RELATED LEASE APPLICATION PROPOSALS:

- Activity from TSAIA especially cargo-related activity at North Airpark currently
 inflicts significant impacts to surrounding land uses, including residential
 neighborhoods, recreational assets, and natural open space/wildlife habitat.
- o These impacts include 24-hour ground noise, exposure to air pollution emissions, loss of high-value wetlands and associated buffer uplands, loss of wildlife habitat, and increased vehicular traffic including both commuter and heavy airport-generated truck traffic through the Turnagain neighborhood, resulting in noise, emissions

- exposure and pedestrian safety concerns along West Northern Lights Blvd. and past an elementary school.
- Over the course of the last few months, TSAIA has received five, large cargo-related development proposals, including the 6A Aviation lease application. If TSAIA approves one or more of the other four lease proposals at North Airpark, development and operations at North Airport from these developments would significantly increase the above-stated negative impacts to adjacent land uses in the TCC area the increased cumulative impacts would be substantial to our community.
- When considering approval of 6A Aviation's lease, TSAIA must consider all of these proposed leases as a whole, and the increase in cumulative impacts these cargo-related projects would impose on the neighborhood rather than consider each one independent of the rest.
- o Retention of the land east of the north end of the North-South runway by the Airport in its existing, natural state would help mitigate a least some of the cumulative, negative impacts from other existing and future cargo-related development in other areas of North Airpark and should be considered the <u>highest and best decision for this proposed lease</u>.

• TCC HAS OPPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA IN THE PAST:

- o Several years ago, TSAIA received a lease application for cargo development in this same wooded area east of the end of the North-South runway.
- o TCC opposed this development for the same reasons that have been stated above. It was clear when we had an opportunity to do an on-site visit of the proposed lease area back then that, due to:
 - significant elevation differences within the parcel;
 - the jet fuel pipeline easement that exists in the northern portion of the parcel that is periodically cleared of vegetation; and
 - the critical buffer this wooded parcel provides between the Coastal Trail and high-impact, airport industrial development,

retention of an arbitrary-width buffer between Woronzof Rd. and actual cargo facility development boundaries would not come close to providing adequate buffering, compared to the current wooded buffer acreage now provided to the community.

o Retention of this land by the Airport in its existing, natural state and rejection of the lease proposal by 6A Aviation is the <u>highest and best use of this State land to the</u>

Anchorage community and visitors who enjoy our nationally-recognized Coastal Trail.

• TSAIA SHOULD NOT CONSIDER LEASING THIS IMPORANT PUBLIC LAND WHEN IT KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- o In an email response sent to me from John Johansen on September 5, 2019, regarding the affiliated company to 6A Aviation that submitted an application for land west of the North-South runway, John stated that TSAIA does not have "all of the details [of their proposal] and operations could change in the future depending on need."
- The community deserves to know the details of a proposed land lease that may have direct ties to the use proposed by 6A Aviation in their ADA-32306 land lease application.

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TCC feels because of this and all the other reasons stated above, along with others that may not have been expressed in this letter, provide compelling rational for TSAIA to reject ADA-32306 6A Aviation's land lease application.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on ADA-32306 6A Aviation, Inc. lease application at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. TCC asks TSAIA gives full consideration of our input, and I look forward to hearing a response soon to TCC's request for a meeting with all relevant parties to discuss this important land use lease proposal.

Sincerely, Cathy L. Gleason Turnagain Community Council President

Cc:

Airport Manager Jim Szczesniak Mr. John Johansen Ms. Teri Lindseth Ms. Tonia Winkler Sen. Mia Costello Rep. Matt Claman Mayor Ethan Berkowitz Assembly member Austin Quinn-Davidson Assembly member Kameron Perez-Verdia Sand Lake Community Council President Spenard Community Council President Federation of Community Councils

Turnagain Community Council Resolution RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4

REQUEST FOR A COLLABORATIVE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON WEST NORHTERN LIGHTS BLVD. AND WISCONSIN ST. FOR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the safety and protection of pedestrians at school and pedestrian crossing areas in the Turnagain neighborhood is of utmost importance to TCC; and

WHEREAS, a preschool has now been added at Turnagain Elementary School, which is increasing the times where the 20-mph school zone crossing on West Northern Lights Blvd. (WNL) is active; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to removal last year by an unknown party of the Thru Truck Weight Limit signage posted on WNL (that had been posted for several decades), large, heavy-weight, airport-generated truck traffic has substantially increased along the section of WNL that is located in the Turnagain residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Turnagain residents have witnessed an increase in vehicular speeding at all times, but especially during 20-mph speed limits, and running of the button-activated red light at the Turnagain Elementary School zone crossing on WNL — as well as vehicular speeding at all times, but especially during 20-mph speed limits, at the Lake Hood Elementary School blinking yellow light zone near the Wisconsin St. and 40th Ave. pedestrian crossing intersection; and

WHEREAS, the results of these dangerous and illegal traffic conditions threaten the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians — especially preschool and elementary-aged children — along these high-traffic Turnagain area streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council hereby requests a collaborative effort between TCC and the Anchorage Police Department (APD), the Anchorage School District, (ASD) the Mayor's Office, and Anchorage Assembly & Legislative representatives of the TCC neighborhood (and any other relevant party/s) to develop an Action Plan to address safety issues and determine what traffic improvements can be implemented in these important school and pedestrian crossing locations — including, but not limited to, consideration of:

- 1) Additional APD patrolling of the above school/pedestrian crossing locations, especially during reduced speed (20-mph) school zone times;
- 2) Ensure hiring/placement of ASD school guards at the above locations before and after preschool and elementary school hours;
- 3) Installation of features in the above locations that draw increased attention to drivers when pedestrians are crossing WNL and Wisconsin; and
- 4) Reinstallation of Thru Truck Weight Limit signage along WNL location where this signage was previously posted for many, many years.

	munity Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this
Cathy L. Gleason Turnagain Community Council President	Date

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This letter was approved by Turnagain Community Council at its meeting on October 3, 2019.

October 3, 2019

Re: Turnagain Social Club

To whom it may concern:

Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is taking this opportunity to express our support and appreciation for Turnagain Social Club, an adult day care facility located in our neighborhood at 3201 Turnagain St.; it has been a positive addition to our neighborhood. The owners have consistently demonstrated that they are a good neighbor who goes out of their way to ensure they avoid or mitigate any potential negative impacts from their facility. They have proved to be an exemplary business owner and community council member.

Throughout their facility planning and development process, Turnagain Social Club's owners and initial developers were proactive and responsive in communicating with TCC, including attending multiple council meetings, presenting their plans, and continuing to attend meetings as a member, so that they can respond to any questions from the neighborhood. The organization attended the following TCC meetings over the last few years:

- September 4, 2014: To present the plan for the new facility in the former Unitarian Universalist Church at 3201 Turnagain St. and answer questions.
- December 4, 2014: To answer some follow-up questions from initial presentation.
- June 3, 2016: To share that the facility would open on August 1, 2016.

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• September 8, 2016: To share updates on site improvements, traffic circulation, and to invite neighborhood members to stop in for an open house at any time. A few members expressed concerns about potential traffic impacts of people dropping off or picking up clients, which they took note of and described how their site plan would mitigate traffic problems.

Since the facility opened in 2016, TCC has heard no complaints or concerns from neighbors about how the organization operates or of any impacts from their activities or traffic in the immediate area. Additionally, we have found Turnagain Social Club to be an active and welcoming addition to the neighborhood: not only have they offered in the past to host our monthly council meetings, they have served as venue for other community events, such as a constituent event hosted by Sen. Mia Costello earlier this year. We regularly see Turnagain Social Club's vans throughout the neighborhood and across the city, indicating their presence and reach as a community resource. TCC also noted during our September 7, 2017, meeting that Turnagain Social Club had received commendation from the Alaska Legislature for their excellent work.

While TCC is taking no formal position on Turnagain Social Club's proposed adult care facility on International Airport Rd., as it is out of our council boundaries, TCC wishes this organization well in its efforts to provide much-needed services in our community.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Gleason, President

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Turnagain Area Community Council – Senator Gray-Jackson's Report October 3, 2019

- The Bill signing, recognizing Black History Month, was held Thursday, September 19th, at the MLK, Jr. Memorial on the Park Strip. This was my first Bill approved and was supported by a vote of 55-1. My second Bill, recognizing Alaska Native Heritage Month did not move in the Senate, but moved in the House and was approved by both bodies. The signing will be held on October 5th at noon at Atwood Center at APU.
- Recently a meeting of DOWL Representatives and Legislators was held regarding the Midtown Congestion Relief Plan.
 - o DOWL is continuing to meet with the community and designated community council representatives and will meet with legislators quarterly to provide updates on the project.
- At the request of a constituent, Representative Josephson and I sent a letter to DHSS asking several questions concerning the end of the Medicaid Adult Dental Assistance Program. We look forward to a response soon.
- I serve on the DHSS budget subcommittee, and I hope this program is restored during next year's budget process, if not before through a veto override.
- Governor Dunleavy announced Friday, September 27th, his appointment of Representative Josh Revak to fill the vacancy in Senate District M left by the death of Senator Chris Birch. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the Senator Republicans. In this case, that means at least seven Republicans in the Senate must agree to the Governor's choice. If not, the Governor has 10 days to appoint another candidate for Senate Republicans to consider.
- The Governor confirmed that there won't be a special session on supplemental PFD until the current Anchorage Senate seat vacancy is confirmed.
- This year's Alaska Permanent Fund dividend: \$1,606 and Direct deposits are scheduled for October 3rd.

New Private- public partnership efforts on Homelessness

- Providence Health and Services Alaska \$15 million over five years
- Rasmuson Foundation \$10 million over three years
- Weidner Apartment Homes \$10 million over five years
- Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska \$5 million over three years
- Organizations will announce specific projects over the next few months
- UA System
 - o Board of Regents to make decisions on single accreditation or consortium model in the next few months. Stay tuned.
- Operating budget basics
 - Over \$500 million in reductions
 - o Smallest operating budget since 2004

I hope you are enjoying my monthly E-newsletter. If you're not receiving them, please send your email address to my staff at Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov.



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Matt Claman

October 2019 Community Council Update

End of Session Newsletter — Our 2019 End of Session Newsletter hit mailboxes last month! Topics include: Responsible Action Plan for Alaska; Positive Steps by the Legislature; Operating Budget; Passed Legislation; and Capital Budget. To read online, please visit our website: http://akhouse.org/rep_claman/.

Investing in Solutions for Homelessness — Last week, Providence Health & Services, Weidner Apartment Homes, Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, and the Rasmuson Foundation announced they are pledging a total of \$40 million over the next five years with the goal of ensuring that everyone who needs a home in Alaska has a home. This unprecedented amount of funding will target specific areas including housing, connecting people to services, homelessness data tracking, and addressing the underlying causes of homelessness. The funding will build on current initiatives such as the pilot program "Path to Independence" a collaboration between several private and faith-based partners that has housed 68 people to date. The first step the Rasmuson Foundation and its partners are taking is to hire a consultant to analyze homelessness services in the community, look for gaps in current services, and suggest areas to allocate funds moving forward. They expect to have the results by Thanksgiving of this year.

Diane Kaplan, president and CEO of the Rasmuson Foundation, underscored the importance of collaboration from all members of the community, including state government. She said that the private partners would not have been comfortable making this level of investment without the restoration of most of the funding for homelessness services originally vetoed from the budget by the Governor and restored by the Legislature. To be successful, the efforts from private partners and local government will need to be matched by commitment at the state level and the continuation of a stable funding base.

United States 2020 Census — Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this data is so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution. In 2020, for the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone. And, if you prefer, you can still respond by mail. Residents of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and other large Alaska cities will respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or mail in mid-March.

As the country's largest and least densely populated state, Alaska has one of the hardest populations to count. But an accurate count is vital to ensuring our state receives its fair share of federal resources. Census data determines the allocation of over \$3.2 billion in federal funding to Alaska, for everything from highways and hospitals to schools and public safety. Visit 2020census.gov or alaskacounts.org to learn more.

Fall Constituent Meeting — Join us on Saturday, November 2 for a constituent meeting. Pizza and drinks will be served! For more information and to RSVP, visit: https://www.facebook.com/RepMattClaman/events/.

When: Saturday, November 2 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Where: Anchorage Legislative Information Office (LIO), 1500 W. Benson Blvd.

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(907) 465-4919
http://akhouse.org/rep_elaman/
Serving the Sand Lake, Spenard, and Turnagain Communities



Ted Steven Anchorage International Airport October 2019

- ANC North/South Runway Renewal Project: We are pleased to announce the North/South Runway Rehabilitation
 project is complete. Aircraft are now using the full runway for departures, and airport operations and noise levels have
 returned to preconstruction levels. The rehabilitated North/South runway features new pavement, wider surfaces, and
 improved taxiway intersection geometry, all required to meet current FAA standards. The improvements enhance the
 safety and efficiency of airport operations. We would like to thank the public and neighbors for your patience during
 construction.
- 2. Alaska Airlines Honor Flights: The Last Frontier Honor Flight from Alaska departs October 1st, with the return ceremony being held at 3:00 PM on October 5th across from the TSA passenger screening checkpoint. The Last Frontier Honor Flight is a part of the Honor Flight System, a group dedicated to giving veterans the opportunity to see the memorials created in their honor in Washington, DC.
- 3. October 2019 Stand Down for Veterans: Event will be held in the North Terminal, 5000 W International Airport Road, on October 25th, 8:00AM to 2:30 PM, providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans. Parking for the event is complimentary.
- 4. Airport Recruitment: The Airport is recruiting for equipment mechanics and operators, as well as facility maintenance positions. Information on these opportunities can be found on Workplace Alaska or through Local 71 at the following web addresses: local71.com/jobs and governmentjobs.com/careers/Alaska. Active recruitments are:

\$23.60/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
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\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
\$26.73-30.68/Hr	Class B CDL required within 90 days of hire.
	\$23.60/Hr \$22.16/Hr \$22.16/Hr

5. Sign up for GovDelivery: Follow the link below to receive emails on DOT related items and visit us on Facebook and Twitter. service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new

Airport Lease Applications for

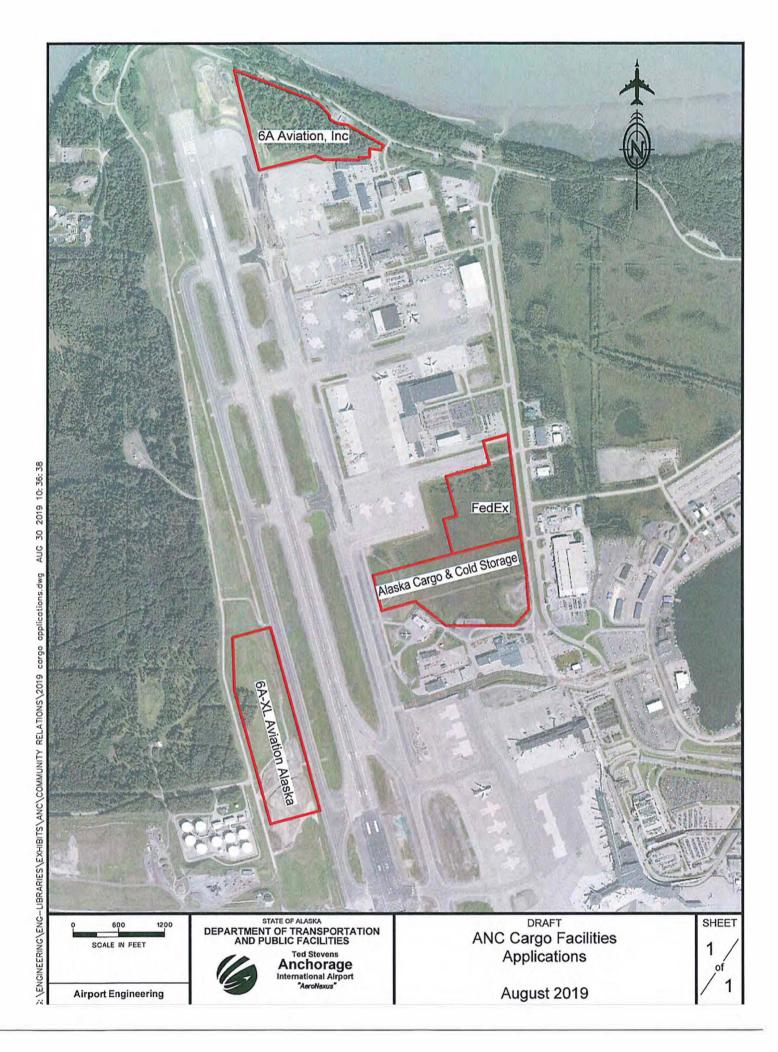
Multiple Large Cargo Facility Projects:

- 6A Aviation, Inc. Air Cargo Warehouse Facility east of N/S
 Runway adj. to W. Woronzof Dr. comment deadline Sept. 30
- FedEx Expansion in Postmark Bog comment deadline Sept. 9th
- North Park Fuels Expansion southwest corner of W. Woronzof Dr.
 & Postmark Dr. comment deadline Aug. 16
- Alaska Cargo and Cold Storage LLC Cargo Warehouse Facility in Postmark Bag — comment deadline Aug. 8
- 6A-XL Aviation Alaska LLC Air Cargo Warehouse Facility west of N/S Runway Runway — comment deadline Aug. 8

Airport Lease Applications for

Lake Hood Seaplane Base General Aviation Facilities:

- Bwana, LLC Maintenance Hanger Facility on south shore of Lake
 Hood comment deadline Oct. 7th
- Sportman's Air Service, Inc. Air Charter operations <u>comment</u> <u>deadline Aug. 29</u>



NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET*



A new ordinance (law) passed by the Anchorage Assembly on June 20, 2019 makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

1 PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Student safety is extremely important.
- Distracted driving is dangerous.
- Talking on a cell phone or mobile communication device is distracted driving and jeopardizes student safety in designated school zones.



2 TERMS USED IN THE NEW LAW

A mobile communication device is a cellular phone, smart phone, personal data assistant, wireless tablet, computer, or any similar device used for voice or visual communication.

An active school zone is a school zone with signage between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and where the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour or less on the streets permanently or due to a temporary speed reduction indicated by flashing school zone lights.

A hands-free device is a phone with speaker capability, an attachment, or other piece of equipment that allows the use of the device without either of the operator's hands.

3 THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE LAW

- A vehicle is stopped OR a mobile communication device is used with a hands-free device.
- A mobile communication device is **used** to **dial 911** and make an emergency call.
- An operator of an **authorized emergency vehicle** is using a mobile communication device while acting in an official capacity.

*This fact sheet is provided as a courtesy to the public to highlight provisions of the law; it is not the law. For specific details of the law and the requirements or prohibitions in the law, please refer to the text of the ordinance (AO No. 2019-51(S)am) or Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.28.055.

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NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET (CONT.)



4 CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

A \$500 fine, or

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• A class A misdemeanor if a person's driving causes physical injury or death to another person.

5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Why isn't talking on cell phones banned while driving everywhere in Alaska? The State of Alaska has preempted Anchorage's right to ban talking on a cell phone while driving, but reading or typing a text message while driving is prohibited statewide.
- Can I call my student when I'm there to pick them up? Yes, if your car is stopped, then you can call your student on your cell phone. Or, you may call your student on a hands-free device.
- Do these rules apply only when the school zone lights are flashing? No! Most schools don't have flashing lights. These rules apply in an active school zone, where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, even if temporarily indicated by the flashing lights, and is designated by the signs posted that say "School Zone". If the speed limit is never reduced to 25 mph or less, the street is not in an active school zone and the rules don't apply even if there are signs.
- How can I be sure if I am in a place where I can legally use my cell phone? If you are unsure, don't use your cell phone! Pull over, stop, and use your cell phone when you are not driving.

Reviewed by the Municipality of Anchorage Legal Department

If you have additional questions, your Assembly Member's contact information may be found at www.Muni.org/Assembly.

PRESS RELEASE



PLASTIC BAG BAN IN EFFECT BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

September 4, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Shoppers are reminded that the Plastic Bag Ban goes into effect on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. Don't forget to take your own bags!

Information about the Plastic Bag Ban can be found on the attached factsheet.

In 2018 the Anchorage Assembly passed Ordinances (AO 2018-63(S) and AO 2018-110(S)) making it unlawful for retail stores to distribute single use plastic bags to shoppers in the Municipality of Anchorage. These ordinances apply to commercial businesses to include markets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, retail stores and restaurants. These laws will help to improve the quality of life for our wildlife and Anchorage residents.

Additional information, including exceptions in the law, is available:

- Plastic Bag Ban Factsheet on the Assembly's webpage under "Items of Interest" at http://www.muni.org/assembly.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the MOA Solid Waste Services webpage at http://www.muni.org/SWS.
- Businesses may email PlasticBagBan@anchorageak.gov or call (907) 343-7123.

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