

# STREET LIGHTS AND SMALL CELL


*In Turnagain*

*Photos by AT&T and Charles Industries*

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*Recently, I received a notice in the mail...*

A Small Wireless Facility Will be installed on a In the Right-of-Way Near  
20455-019 1908 Hillcrest Drive



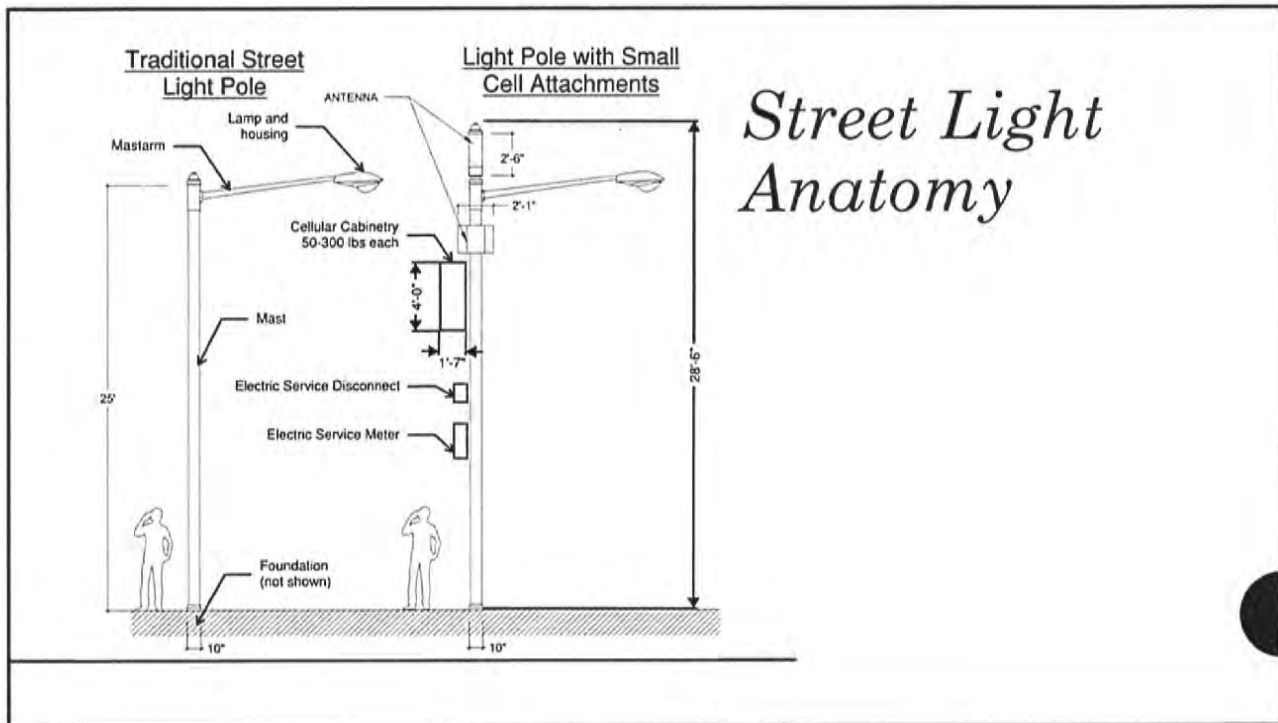
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) has been granted approval to install a small wireless facility on a replacement Municipality of Anchorage pole in the right-of-way near 1908 Hillcrest Drive.

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# 5G Technology Background

- To address the growing demand for wireless technology across the United States, cellular providers propose to increase the capacity of their networks by deploying small cell infrastructure (Small Cell), a new lower-powered antenna technology, to distribute data traffic load.
- This new technology requires infrastructure to be installed in closer proximity to the users on the ground; this infrastructure will affect the aesthetics and safety of public spaces.
- Cities across the nation are beginning to address the issue of balancing the need to accommodate the increased cellular demand with their community's public space character and function.

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## *FCC Ruling Highlights*

- Up to 28 cubic feet of equipment can be installed on utility and light poles up to 50 feet tall (one cabinet is 6 cubic feet).
- Outlines an expedited review process. Where cities are required to approve or deny an application within 90 days
- Outlines the public may require aesthetic and design requirements but is not outlined and is not the default (the public must opt-in at the local level).
- No public involvement or public comment periods for these new installations.

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## *Local Example*

- Much thicker and heavier pole
- Nonstandard – doesn't conform with Municipal standards for light poles
- Installed on a driven steel pile rather than standard practice concrete foundation
- Aesthetically atypical from surrounding light poles

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## *Concerns and Considerations*

- Public Safety – with 28 cubic feet of equipment weighing 200 to 1000lbs total mounted over 20' feet in the air, this poses a greater hazard than standard light poles (lamp and housing weigh 60 lbs).
- Aesthetics – Other neighbors on nextdoor.com have expressed concerns about having these poles in their front yard. What can be done to improve Aesthetics?
- Standards – The poles being installed currently are nonstandard.
- Light poles are maintained and owned by multiple companies (ML&P, Chugach Electric, Muni, and State). Each has their own standard. Add to that multiple carriers are installing different equipment.

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## *Next Steps and Discussion*

Next steps include:

- Hearing from carriers currently building small cell in Anchorage (AT&T) in December.
- Hearing from pole owners which most closely affect Turnagain (Muni, Chugach, ML&P).
- Decide as a council if this is something to take a position on.

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**AT&T Small Cell Facility Application Installation Locations in Turnagain as of November 7, 2019**  
**(THERE WILL BE MORE IN THE FUTURE)**





Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
 550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600  
 Anchorage, AK 99501  
[alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov)  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco>  
 Phone: 907.269.0350

Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
**Restaurant or Eating Place License**  
**Form AB-17a: 2020/2021 Renewal License Application**

**What is this form?**

This renewal license application form is required for all individuals or entities seeking to apply for renewal of an existing restaurant or eating place liquor license that is due to renew by December 31, 2019. All fields of this form must be complete and correct, or the application will be returned to you in the manner in which it was received, per AS 04.11.270 and 3 AAC 304.105. The Community Council field only should be verified/completed by licensees whose establishments are located within the Municipality of Anchorage or outside of city limits within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

**This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's main office before any license renewal application will be reviewed. Receipt and/or processing of renewal payments by AMCO staff neither indicates nor guarantees that an application will be considered complete, or that a license will be renewed.**

**Section 1 – Establishment and Contact Information**

Enter information for the business seeking to have its license renewed. If any populated information is incorrect, please contact AMCO.

Licensee:	Midnight Moon Company, Inc	License #:	5234
License Type:	Restaurant/Eating Place		
Doing Business As:	Rustic Goat		
Premises Address:	2802 West Northern Lights Blvd		
Local Governing Body:	Municipality of Anchorage		
Community Council:	Turnagain		

Mailing Address:	6921 Brayton DR. #207		
City:	Anchorage	State:	AK
		ZIP:	99507

Enter information for the individual who will be designated as the primary point of contact regarding this application. This individual **must be a licensee** who is required to be listed in and authorized to sign this application.

Contact Licensee:	Tim Gravel	Contact Phone:	907-644-7405
Contact Email:	tim@kaladi.com		

Optional: If you wish for AMCO staff to communicate with an individual who is not a licensee named on this form (eg: legal counsel) about this application and other matters pertaining to the license, please provide that person's contact information in the fields below.

Name of Contact:	Michele Parkupst	Contact Phone:	907-644-7405
Contact Email:	michele@kaladi.com		



# Form AB-17a: 2020/2021 Restaurant Renewal License Application

## Section 2 – Entity or Community Ownership Information

Licensees who directly hold a license as an individual or individuals should skip to Section 3. General partnerships and local governments should skip to the second half of this page. All licensees that are **corporations** or **LLCs** must complete this section. Corporations and LLCs are required to be in good standing with the Alaska Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing (CBPL). The CBPL Entity # below is **neither** your EIN/tax ID number, **nor** your business license number. **You may view your entity's status or find your CBPL entity number by using the following site: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/cbp/main/search/entities>**

Alaska CBPL Entity #:	33117D
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You must ensure that you are able to certify the following statement before signing your initials in the box to the right: Initials

I certify that this entity is in good standing with CBPL and that all current entity officials and stakeholders (listed below) are also currently and accurately listed with CBPL.



This subsection must be completed by any **community** or **entity**, including a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or limited partnership, that is applying for renewal. If more space is needed, please attach additional completed copies of this page.

- If the applicant is a **corporation**, the following information must be completed for each **shareholder who owns 10% or more** of the stock in the corporation, and for each **president, vice-president, secretary, and managing officer**.
- If the applicant is a **limited liability organization**, the following information must be completed for each **member with an ownership interest of 10% or more**, and for each **manager**.
- If the applicant is a **partnership**, including a limited partnership, the following information must be completed for each **partner with an interest of 10% or more**, and for each **general partner**.

**Important Note:** The information provided in the below fields (including spelling of names, specific titles, and percentages held) must match that which is listed with CBPL. If one individual holds multiple titles mentioned in the bullets above, all titles must be listed for that individual on this application and with CBPL. Failure to list all required titles constitutes an incomplete application. **You must list ALL of your qualifying officials, additional copies of this page or a separate sheet of paper may be submitted if necessary.**

Name of Official:	Tim Gravel		
Title(s):	President	Phone:	907-664-7422 % Owned: 50
Mailing Address:	8840 Solar Dr.		
City:	Anchorage	State:	AK ZIP: 99507

Name of Official:	Brad Bigelow		
Title(s):	Vice President	Phone:	% Owned: 50
Mailing Address:	8840 Solar Dr		
City:	Anchorage	State:	AK ZIP: 99507

Name of Official:			
Title(s):		Phone:	% Owned:
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP:



Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Section 3 - Sole Proprietor Ownership Information

Entities, such as corporations or LLCs, should skip this section. This section must be completed by any licensee who directly holds the license as an individual or multiple individuals and is applying for license renewal. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet that includes all of the required information.

The following information must be completed for each licensee and each affiliate.

This individual is an: [ ] applicant [ ] affiliate

Form with fields: Name, Contact Phone, Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP, Email

This individual is an: [ ] applicant [ ] affiliate

Form with fields: Name, Contact Phone, Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP, Email

Section 4 - Alcohol Server Education

Read the line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of the statement:

Initials

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check identification of a patron have completed an alcohol server education course approved by the ABC Board and keep current, valid copies of their course completion cards on the licensed premises during all working hours, as set forth in AS 04.21.025 and 3 AAC 304.465.



Section 5 - License Operation

Check a single box for each calendar year that best describes how this liquor license was operated:

2018 2019

The license was regularly operated continuously throughout each year.

[checked] [checked]

The license was regularly operated during a specific season each year.

[ ] [ ]

The license was only operated to meet the minimum requirement of 240 total hours each calendar year.

If this box is checked, a complete copy of Form AB-30: Proof of Minimum Operation Checklist, and all necessary documentation must be provided with this application.

[ ] [ ]

The license was not operated at all or was not operated for at least the minimum requirement of 240 total hours each year, during one or both of the calendar years.

If this box is checked, a complete copy of Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application and corresponding fees must be submitted with this application for each calendar year during which the license was not operated for at least the minimum requirement, unless a complete copy of the form (including fees) has already been submitted for that year.

[ ] [ ]





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## Section 6 – Violations and Convictions

Applicant violations and convictions in calendar years 2018 and 2019: Yes No

Have any notices of violation (NOVs) been issued for this license in the calendar years 2018 or 2019?

Has any person or entity named in this application been convicted of a violation of Title 04, of 3 AAC 304, or a local ordinance adopted under AS 04.21.010 in the calendar years 2018 or 2019?

If "Yes" to either of the previous two questions, attach a separate page to this application listing all NOVs and/or convictions.

## Section 7 – Certifications

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of each statement: Initials

I certify that all current licensees (as defined in AS 04.11.260) and affiliates have been listed on this application, and that in accordance with AS 04.11.450, no one other than the licensee(s) has a direct or indirect financial interest in the licensed business.

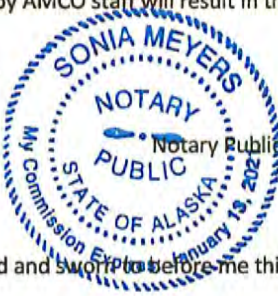
I certify that I have not altered the functional floor plan or reduced or expanded the area of the licensed premises, and I have not changed the business name or the ownership (including officers, managers, general partners, or stakeholders) from what is currently approved and on file with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board.

I certify on behalf of myself or of the organized entity that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I am submitting as part of this application a completed copy of Form AB-33: Restaurant Receipts Affidavit, to provide evidence to the ABC Board that this establishment met the food sales requirement set forth in AS 04.11.100(e).

As an applicant for a liquor license renewal, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and am familiar with AS 04 and 3 AAC 304, and that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, is true, correct, and complete. I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board or AMCO staff in support of this application and understand that failure to do so by any deadline given to me by AMCO staff will result in this application being returned to me as incomplete.

Signature of licensee  
Tim Gravel  
Printed name of licensee



Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

My commission expires: 1/13/21

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of October, 2019.

Seasonal License?  Yes  No If "Yes", write your six-month operating period: \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee:	\$ 600.00	Application Fee:	\$ 300.00	TOTAL:	\$ 900.00
Miscellaneous Fees:					
GRAND TOTAL (if different than TOTAL):					

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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
**CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS &  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

State of Alaska / Commerce / Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing / Search & Database  
Download / Corporations / Entity Details

## ENTITY DETAILS

### Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	MIDNIGHT MOON CO., INC.

Entity Type: Business Corporation

Entity #: 33117D

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 6/11/1984

Duration/Expiration: Perpetual

Home State: ALASKA

Next Biennial Report Due: 1/2/2020 File Biennial Report

Entity Mailing Address: 6921 BRAYTON DR. #207, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

Entity Physical Address: 6921 BRAYTON DR. #207, 8840 SOLAR DR, ANCHORAGE, AK  
99507

### Registered Agent

Agent Name: Tim Gravel

Registered Mailing Address: 6921 BRAYTON DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

Registered Physical Address: 6921 BRAYTON DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

### Officials

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	Brad Bigelow	Secretary, Vice President, Shareholder	50.00
	Tim Gravel	Treasurer, Director, President, Shareholder	50.00

## Filed Documents

Date Filed	Type	Filing	Certificate
6/11/1984	Creation Filing	Click to View	
9/21/1988	Biennial Report		
1/18/1990	Biennial Report		
2/04/1992	Biennial Report	Click to View	
1/21/1994	Biennial Report	Click to View	
9/16/1996	Biennial Report	Click to View	
3/05/1998	Biennial Report	Click to View	
12/14/2000	Biennial Report	Click to View	
8/21/2002	Biennial Report	Click to View	
12/31/2003	Biennial Report	Click to View	
12/31/2003	Agent Change	Click to View	
11/07/2006	Biennial Report	Click to View	
5/12/2010	Biennial Report	Click to View	
5/12/2010	Biennial Report	Click to View	
5/18/2012	Biennial Report	Click to View	
12/12/2013	Biennial Report	Click to View	
6/02/2016	Biennial Report	Click to View	
3/29/2018	Biennial Report	Click to View	

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## Turnagain Community Council – Senator Gray-Jackson’s Report

November 7, 2019

- **Senator Josh Revak was sworn in by Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Legislative Information Office here in Anchorage. Senator Revak was in the House last year and was nominated to fill the seat vacated by the death of Senator Chris Birch.**
  - **During last session, my Caucus worked well with the Senate Majority, and I look forward to continuing this working relationship with Senator Revak.**
  
- **Alaska Hire- the State Attorney General has refused to defend the Alaska Hire Law, which requires private contractors working on state-funded projects to hire qualified Alaskans as a percentage of their workers. The Law has broad bipartisan support over its 33-year history and has not been ruled unconstitutional by a judge. Therefore, it’s unfortunate that the State Attorney General does not defend the law.**
  - **Alaska currently has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the nation and there is a great deal of demand for developing our infrastructure, so we should look for ways to hire more Alaskans, not less.**
  
- **Lastly, before I head back to Juneau for the Start of Session, I will be hosting a constituent coffee meeting in early December. More details will be announced in my next e-news and on my Senate Facebook page.**

**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](mailto:Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov).**



# Alaska State Legislature

Representative Matt Claman

## November 2019 Community Council Update

**Fall Constituent Meeting** — On Saturday, November 2, I met with constituents to discuss matters including public safety, education, and Alaska's financial challenges. Thank you to everyone who stopped by! It's always a pleasure to chat with neighbors about the issues you care about.

**DOC Request for Proposal Soliciting Bids to House Incarcerated Alaskans Out-of-State** — The Department of Corrections recently proposed sending 250-500 incarcerated Alaskans to Lower 48 prisons to serve their sentence. Earlier this year, the legislature approved a capital budget that includes \$16.7 million to reopen the Palmer Correctional Center. This decision shows the public support for opening the Palmer Correctional Center and the public opposition to paying out-of-state prisons to address the growing prison population in Alaska. Neither the operating nor the capital budget appropriates any funds to house prisoners outside.

When the legislature appropriates funds for a specific purpose, it is reasonable to expect the executive branch to follow through with the legislature's designation. Alaska history has shown that sending prisoners outside is more expensive and harms public safety. Out-of-state prisoners often don't receive much-needed rehabilitation and some return with gang affiliations and increased criminal behavior. Given our history, the executive branch needed to develop an effective plan for addressing the growing prison population, especially since the passage of HB 49, which increased many prison sentences. Unfortunately, DOC has no plans to open the Palmer prison and the only announced plan is sending prisoners out-of-state. My office is following up with DOC to learn more about their out-of-state prison decision and whether they have a long-term plan for prison growth.

**Court Ends State's Practice of Detaining People with Civil Psychiatric Conditions in Jail** — Last month, the court ruled that Alaska's practice of detaining people held on civil psychiatric holds in jails because the Alaska Psychiatric Institute is unable to treat them must end. In October 2018, a reduction in staffing levels and bed availability at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) resulted in a number of people involuntarily committed under AS 47.37.190 being diverted to DOC custody. Over the course of this past year, dozens suffering from mental illness were housed in windowless prison cells with 68 of these patients staying for ten days or longer. The Department of Health and Social Services now has until December 5 to establish a plan to stop the practice and another 90 days to put the plan into effect. To comply with the ruling, the state must: (1) end the practice of diverting people to DOC when other facilities lack space; (2) provide evaluations to determine whether a person still meets the criteria to be held; and (3) ensure that people in jail whose charges are dismissed but meet the criteria for civil commitment are transferred to a psychiatric facility within 24 hours.

How the state will comply with this ruling is not clear. Staffing levels and bed space at API are ongoing issues. The adult civil unit at API currently has a total capacity of 36 beds. As of October 31, the unit had a waitlist of 11 people with an estimated wait time for bed availability of six days. Increasing bed space at API is just part of what it will take to address the issues with Alaska's mental health system. We need to focus on a continuum of care that offers local, community-based treatment options to keep those experiencing severe mental illness from having to rely on emergency services. Investing in treatment options and improving our state's mental health system will benefit not only those experiencing acute mental illness but our community as a whole because mental health ties into broader issues including public safety, healthcare, and homelessness.

Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov  
(907) 465-4919

<https://alaboard.org/rep-claman/>

# Anchorage School Board Strategic Planning Community Forums



The Anchorage School Board invites anyone with a stake in the educational success of our children to participate in one of four community forums about the future goals and direction of the Anchorage School District.

Community involvement and feedback in the School Board's strategic planning process will contribute to a new set of Districtwide goals to be introduced next fall.

Please join us in this community-wide process focused on educating all students for success in life.

## Forums are open to the general public

### Service/South Region

**Thursday, Nov. 7**

6–7:30 p.m.

Goldenview Middle School  
15800 Golden View Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99516

### Bartlett/East Region

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

6–7:30 p.m.

Begich Middle School  
7440 Creekside Center Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99504

### Chugiak/Eagle River Region

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

6–7:30 p.m.

Mirror Lake Middle School  
22901 Lake Hill Drive  
Chugiak, AK 99567

### Dimond/West Region

**Thursday, Nov. 21**

6–7:30 p.m.

Mears Middle School  
2700 W 100th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99515

If you are unable to come to one of the regional forums, you can still provide input via our community-wide survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYRJY56>.  
The survey will be available to the public from Nov. 4 through Nov. 27.



**Anchorage School District**  
*Educating All Students for Success in Life*

[www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org)



**Ted Steven Anchorage International Airport  
November 2019**

1. **Wings for Autism:** The Arc of Anchorage is coordinating the Wings for Autism program that gives families and aviation professionals the confidence to take to the skies with ease by providing an airport “rehearsal”, as well as a presentation on the aircraft. Event to be held November 2nd at 11:00 AM. To learn more, click here: [allevents.in/anchorage/wings-for-autism-anc/200018003775937?ref=organizer-page#](http://allevents.in/anchorage/wings-for-autism-anc/200018003775937?ref=organizer-page#)
2. **Airport Concessions:** Aurora Chocolates has recently opened in Concourse C by gate C7 offering Alaskan made gourmet chocolates.
3. **Real ID:** Beginning October 1, 2020, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license, state-issued enhanced driver’s license, or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States. For more information, visit [tsa.gov/real-id](http://tsa.gov/real-id).
4. **Passenger Drop-off/Pick-up:** This holiday season we are reminding the public when you pick up/drop off passengers at the airport the driver of the vehicle must stay with the vehicle at all times. Vehicles on the ramp cannot be left unattended and may be subject to a potential Police citation and a TSA fine. The Anchorage airport is one of the few places that offers free parking in the south terminal parking garage for up to 30 minutes. A cell phone lot is also available to those awaiting arrivals.
5. **Terminal Music Performances:** Throughout the holiday season various elementary schools and musical groups will be performing for the traveling public near the screening checkpoint. A schedule of performances will be posted to the airport website at [anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com).
6. **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](http://local71.com/jobs) and [governmentjobs.com/careers/Alaska](http://governmentjobs.com/careers/Alaska). Active recruitments are:
 

Equipment Operator Journey II	\$23.60/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Seasonal Equipment Operator Journey II	\$23.60/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Equipment Operator Journey I	\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Seasonal Equipment Operator Journey 1	\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$23.60-27.10/Hr	Class A CDL required within 90 days of hire.
Electrician	\$26.73-30.68/Hr	Class B CDL required within 90 days of hire.
7. **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](http://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new)

*“To Keep Alaska Flying and Thriving.”*



# Got Yours?

Alaska residents will soon need one of the following forms of ID to fly on commercial airlines, visit or work on a military base or other federal property:

- Alaska Real ID compliant driver's license or state ID
- A currently approved federal ID like a passport, military ID, federally recognized tribal issued ID card with a photo, or others. For all accepted IDs, visit: [dhs.gov/real-id](https://dhs.gov/real-id)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 2, 2019 – Alaska Real IDs become available

Oct. 1, 2020 – Alaska Real IDs or federally compliant IDs become required



## What is a Real ID?

It's a driver's license or state ID that meets a higher standard required by federal law.

## Is it Mandatory?

No. Your regular Alaska driver's license or state ID will still be valid for all other identification purposes except flying or visiting federal properties.

Turn over for more information and tips

## Remember

An Alaska Real ID or federally compliant ID becomes required on October 1, 2020.

## How Do You Get an Alaska Real ID?

Your new Alaska Real ID will replace your current driver's license or state ID. To get one, the process is the same, except additional documents are required.

### Helpful Tips:

- Get your Alaska Real ID when you renew your current driver's license or state ID.
- Plan ahead – start collecting the application documents you need now.
- If you don't have an Alaska DMV office in your community, visit one the next time you travel.

Take the first step, visit: [doa.alaska.gov/dmv](https://doa.alaska.gov/dmv)

### You'll find:

- Alaska DMV locations including partner offices
- List of other federally compliant forms of ID
- List of documents required to get a Real ID
- Where to get the documents you need



The says your Alaska ID is Real ID compliant.



# 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.

# NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET (CONT.)



## 4 CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

- A \$500 fine, or
- 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](http://www.Muni.org/Assembly).**