

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF THE REFORMAT FROM “OLD CODE” INTO THE CURRENT TITLE 21 OF THE B-2A, B-2B, AND B-3C ZONING DISTRICTS TO SUPPORT NEW HOUSING, BUSINESSES, AND TOURISM IN DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE.

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2020-0002)

WHEREAS, the *Downtown Comprehensive Plan (2007)*: Action Item LU-1 provides direction to “enact of a new Downtown land use and development code and zoning map amendment to reflect recommended land use strategies, design guidelines, and proposed Downtown district recommendations;” and

WHEREAS, *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan (2040)*: Action Items 3-2 and 3-9 also directs a reformat and update to the B-2A, B2-B, and B2-C Downtown zoning district regulations to catalyze new development in the Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Department met with the Downtown Community Council in October 2019 to brief the council on the initiation of the OUR DOWNTOWN project and its three steps to accomplishing the Downtown Comprehensive Plan and 2040 Land Use Plan action items; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department identified Step 1 as a reformat of the B-2A, B2-B, and B2-C Downtown zoning district regulations from old code to current Title 21 for ease of use and reference by adding new tables and cross-references; and

WHEREAS, the Step 1 reformat retains the Central Business District design standards and unique bonus point system and incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department initiated the OUR DOWNTOWN: Step 1 project on October 4, 2019, with a First Friday event at the Anchorage Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has continued to brief the council on the progress of Step 1 to ensure the Downtown Community Council can provide comments and support of Step 1; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the draft ordinance by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and concluded its deliberations on the draft ordinance and voted unanimously in support of recommended Step 1 for approval to the Anchorage Assembly at their February 3, 2020 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLVES:

1. The Community Council has received presentations on the OUR DOWNTOWN STEP 1 project and believe the reformat of the Downtown Zoning Districts is in the best interest of Economic, Business, Tourism and Housing development in the Central Business District.
2. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly on Case No. 2020-0002: OUR DOWNTOWN STEP 1, Downtown Zoning Districts reformat is consistent with the needs and desires of Downtown Community Council businesses and residents.

This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Downtown Community Council on _____, 2020

Silvia Villamides, President/Chair
Downtown Community Council

Votes For: _____

Votes Against: _____

Abstain: _____