



Dear Downtown supporters,

The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department is happy to announce the release of the [Public Hearing Draft Downtown District Plan 2021](#). This plan is intended to guide development in Downtown for the next 20 years. The plan recognizes the unique position Downtown has in the region's economic recovery and the ongoing development that's bringing jobs, new life, and new buildings to Our Downtown.

The plan also recognizes our culture and history and advocates for several quality-of-life policies and actions. The plan recommends an in-depth look at Downtown streets for functionality and where bicycles and pedestrians can be better accommodated.

The plan supports the growing tourism sector and has ideas for the nomad workers coming to Alaska as long-term visitors.

Actions from previous plans including the Ship Creek Framework Plan, Fairview Neighborhood Plan, and Anchorage Original Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Plan are implemented with this plan.

To support a robust economy with new housing and commercial options, the plan includes recommendations for concentrated efforts in two focused development areas, three cultural districts, and fifteen opportunity sites. Concentrated efforts may include infrastructure and utility upgrades to support new development, identified early-on, in a variety of capital improvement programs.

Ultimately this plan supports economic recovery with new proposals on development incentives, facilitated communication processes, focused development sites, and a revised bonus point system to accommodate northern city design.

A public hearing is scheduled with the Anchorage Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) on Monday, December 6, 2021. Public comments are welcome [by emailing the project team](#) by

November 15, 2021, for inclusion in the Planning and Zoning Commission packet and comments may be made at the PZC public hearing.

Thank you!

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