

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER JOHNSTON
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: February 17, 2015

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2015-**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.08.050, STREET LIGHTING
IMPROVEMENTS, FOR COLLECTOR STREETS LOCATED IN CLASS B IMPROVEMENT
AREAS UNDER TITLE 21 (NEW CODE).**

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of the Assembly in adopting subsection 21.08.050 I.2: IMPROVEMENTS, Street Lighting, in Title 21 (new code) was to set a lighting standard for collector level roads located within rural areas of the Municipality consistent with regional plans governing these areas, including the Hillside District Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Anchorage Assembly that case-by-case consideration of street lighting in rural zones defined as class B improvement areas may include the addition of roadway lighting to sufficiently meet Anchorage School District criteria for classification of non-hazardous walking route(s) to school; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.08.050 (Title 21 new code) is hereby amended to read as follows (*language indicating no amendment is included for context only and other subsections not affected are not set out*):

21.08.050 IMPROVEMENTS

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I. Street Lighting

1. Street lighting apparatus shall meet municipal standards for materials and design and be provided with underground power. The location of the streetlight poles shall be approved by the traffic engineer and shall comply with standards contained in the Design Criteria Manual.
2. Street lighting constructed for collector streets located in rural zones defined as class B improvement areas in Table 21.08-1 shall be non-continuous and shall provide the collector (low) level lighting specified in Table 5.1 of the Design Criteria Manual at intersections. Lighting may also be considered on a case-by-case basis, when necessitated by specific safety issues, in the following areas: (1) crosswalks in established school zones; (2) public access approaches to schools and emergency services stations; (3) designated at-grade crossings of separated pathways; (4) non-motorized underpass tubes and tunnels; (5) left turn storage bays if using raised or flush medians; and (6) areas where crash rates exceed statewide averages and the night-to-day crash

ratio is 2:1 or greater; (7) areas that may require additional roadway lighting to sufficiently meet Anchorage School District criteria for classification as a non-hazardous walking route to school. For the purpose of this rural lighting standard, a driveway is not an intersection.

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(AO 2012-124(S), 2-26-13; AO 2013-117, 12-3-13; AO No. 2013-89(S-1), § 1, 10-22-13)

Section 2. This ordinance is referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for timely review and recommendation prior to public hearing by the Assembly on March 24, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM
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Meeting Date: February 17, 2015

From: ASSEMBLY MEMBER JOHNSTON

Subject: AO 2015- — AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.08.050, STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS, FOR COLLECTOR STREETS LOCATED IN CLASS B IMPROVEMENT AREAS UNDER TITLE 21 (NEW CODE).

To address local Hillside neighborhood concerns and preferences favoring a rural street light standard, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly adopted standards in (new) title 21 to allow for collector (low) level lighting. Subsection 21.08.050I.2, STREET LIGHTING, sets a lighting standard for collector level roads located within rural areas of the Municipality consistent with regional plans governing these areas, including the Hillside District Plan; and provides for a non-continuous street lighting standard with collector (low) level lighting specified in table 5.1 of the Design Criteria Manual at these area intersections.

On October 22, 2013, under AO 2013-89 (S-1), the Assembly further revised the language in AMC subsection 21.08.050I.2 to effectuate the Assembly's intent regarding certain safety issues. The new code was amended to include lighting on a case-by-case basis when necessitated by safety issues that fall within 6 specified areas of concern identified in 2013.

As part of the Golden View Drive Upgrade Project from Rabbit Creek Road to Ransom Ridge Drive, Hillside residents requested the Municipality to construct a non-hazardous walking route to school. The six areas identified in AMC 21.08.050I.2 for enhanced street lighting do not include the addition of roadway lighting for a non-hazardous school student walking route to Anchorage schools. In order to address these safety issues, and allow for a non-hazardous walking route to school under Anchorage School District designation criteria, AMC subsection 21.08.050I.2 (new title 21) requires further revision.

For project applications filed under "old" title 21, Municipal Traffic Engineer Stephanie Mormilo, P.E., Public Works Department, has confirmed no change is required to the street lighting provisions in "old" title 21.

Public hearing is requested for March 24, 2015 to accommodate review and comment by the Planning & Zoning Commission on March 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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