

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2024-62, As Amended

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE**
2 **MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.50.010 REGARDING THE HOURS OF**
3 **CLOSURE FOR PREMISES LICENSED FOR SALE, SERVICE OR**
4 **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska regulates the manufacture, sale, service and
7 consumption of alcoholic beverages in the state, through Title 4 of the Alaska
8 Statutes, including required standard closing hours for licensed premises; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, per AS 04.16.010 selling or consuming an alcoholic beverage for
11 consumption on any licensed premises is prohibited between the hours of 5:00 a.m.
12 and 8:00 a.m. every day; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, with recently enacted state law changes by Senate Bill 9, passed by
15 the 22nd Alaska Legislature, establishments with a brewery, distillery, or winery retail
16 license for service and consumption on the licensed premises standard closure
17 hours changed and are now between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, a municipality may provide for additional hours of closure of licensed
20 premises as authorized by AS 04.16.010(d) and AS 04.21.010; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage, for many years, has required closure of
23 licensed premises for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages "between
24 the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and between the
25 hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday or on a legal holiday,"
26 AMC 10.50.010; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance would allow for earlier hours than current Code for
29 service and consumption on licensed premises that also serve food, as evidenced
30 by a restaurant and eating place license or a restaurant endorsement from the State
31 Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, by changing the required closure for such
32 premises so they may serve alcohol beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Code did not previously address hours of closure separately for
35 breweries, wineries and distilleries with a retail license that serve their products for
36 consumption on the premises and this ordinance would provide for the same
37 standard closure hours as in state law for such premises; now, therefore,
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39 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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41 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 10.50.010 is hereby amended to
42 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
43 *out*):

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3 **10.50.010 – Closing hours for licensed premises.**
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5 A. *Hours of operation:*
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7 1. *Service and consumption:* Except as otherwise provided in this
8 section, p[P]remises licensed by the state for the service and
9 consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be closed for the
10 sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages
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12 a. except for those in subsection b., between the hours of
13 2:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and
14 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on
15 Saturday or Sunday or on a legal holiday recognized by
16 the state under AS 44.12.010.
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18 b. if the premises are under a restaurant or eating place
19 license or a restaurant endorsement, between the hours
20 of 2:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and
21 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on
22 Saturday or Sunday or on a legal holiday recognized by
23 the state under AS 44.12.010.
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25 2. *Brewery, winery, and distillery retail licensees.* Premises
26 under a state issued brewery retail, winery retail, or
27 distillery retail license shall be closed as required in state
28 law.
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30 3[2]. *Retail sales:* All other premises licensed by the State for retail
31 sales shall be closed for the sale of alcoholic beverages
32 between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through
33 Friday, and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on
34 Saturday and Sunday, **AND BETWEEN THE HOURS OF**
35 **2:00 A.M. AND NOON ON SUNDAY**.
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37 B. *Extended hours of operation:* The following premises may remain
38 open between the hours of 3:00 A.M. and 4:00 a.m. on Saturday or
39 Sunday or on a legal holiday recognized by the state under AS
40 44.12.010:
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42 1. *Restaurant endorsement:* Premises licensed by the state
43 provided the licensee possesses a valid restaurant
44 endorsement from the board; or
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46 2. *Bar safety hour permit:* Premises licensed by the state provided
47 the licensee possesses a valid bar safety hour permit under
48 section 10.50.035D.

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- a. Licensed premises with a title 21 alcohol special land use permit requiring closure prior to 3:00 a.m. are not eligible for a bar safety hour permit under this section.

(CAC 6.08.010; AO No. 81-35(S); AO No. 81-197; AO No. 2013-42, § 1, 4-11-13; AO No. 2013-86(S), § 2, 8-6-13; AO No. 2023-71 , § 4, 6-20-23)

State law references: AS Chapter 04.09, AS 04.16.010.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk