Submitted by: Assembly Vice Chair Zaletel Assembly Member Rivera Assembly Member Volland Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office For reading:

#### ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO No. 2025-\_\_\_\_

# 1AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING2ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 1 TO INSERT A NEW CHAPTER 1.903TO CREATE A SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BENEFITS AND4PROGRAMS.

#### THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code Title 1 is hereby amended to add a new chapter 1.90 to read as follows, (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

# CHAPTER 1.90. ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS

#### Sections

1.90.010Definitions.1.90.020Universal Application.

#### 1.90.010 Definitions.

When used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meaning set forth in this section, unless other provisions of this title specifically indicate otherwise.

*Benefit* means any discounts or rebates available to Anchorage residents based on certain criteria such as age, income or disability, as well as any exemptions from fees available to residents based on certain criteria as adopted by ordinance or charter.

*Program* means any system of services, opportunities, or projects, either provided by the municipality or administered by the municipality as a state or federal pass-through program, designed to meet a social or individual need or otherwise benefitting Anchorage residents. Program shall include, but not be limited to, such services as childcare assistance, public health services, and housing assistance.

#### 1.90.020 Universal Application.

A. Anchorage residents have the right to a simplified process to access municipal benefits and programs through a single application.

В.	The municipal government shall, to the greatest extent possible, ease
	the public's access to its benefits and programs, and shall simplify its
	processes to require the submission of only one application to apply
	for all need-based benefits.

<u>Section 2.</u> This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026 following passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Chair

Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:



### MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM XXX-2025

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

From: Assembly Vice Chair Zaletel.

#### Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 1 TO INSERT A NEW CHAPTER 1.90 TO CREATE A SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS.

The proposed ordinance amends the Anchorage Municipal Code to require the municipal government create a system whereby Anchorage Residents would fill out only a single form to apply for all benefits and services offered or administered by the Municipality. This is same concept proposed in AO 2025-17, except this ordinance seeks to achieve this goal by amending the Municipal Code and does not seek to amend the Municipal Charter.

## We request your support for the ordinance.

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