

Municipal Clerk's Office
Amended and Approved
Date: April 14, 2020

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Office of Economic and
Community Development
For reading: March 31, 2020

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2020-46, As Amended

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
2 **TEMPORARILY DISCOUNTING TITLE 21 AND TITLE 23 DEVELOPMENT FEES**
3 **AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19**
4 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted in Article V, Section 5.02 of the Home
7 Rule Charter for the Municipality and Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.80.040,
8 the Mayor declared a civil emergency on March 12, 2020 in response to the COVID-
9 19 pandemic;

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11 **WHEREAS**, to preserve life in and adjacent to the Municipality, the Mayor issued
12 Emergency Orders EO-01, EO-02, and EO-03 to help slow the spread of the virus;

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14 **WHEREAS**, the emergency orders in Anchorage and throughout the nation have
15 resulted in some businesses closing, some workers being laid off, and resulting
16 economic impacts;

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18 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage desires to protect public health to the greatest extent
19 possible while minimizing economic impacts to the construction industry given our
20 short and intense construction season, now therefore,

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22 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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24 **Section 1.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.020, all
25 fees, except fines and penalties, appearing in Title 21, Land Use Planning, and
26 associated Title 21, Land Use Planning Code of Regulations, shall be discounted
27 by twenty-five percent (25%) effective retroactively to March 12,
28 2020[immediately], to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public
29 health emergency.

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31 **Section 2.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 23.10.104.15, all fees in
32 Title 23, except fines and penalties or affordable housing projects already eligible
33 for fee reduction in 23.10. Table 3-A, shall be discounted by twenty-five percent
34 (25%) effective retroactively to March 12, 2020[immediately], to help alleviate the
35 economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

1 **Section 3.** The discounts in Sections 1 and 2 shall expire on December 31, 2020.

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3 **Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective retroactively to March 12,
4 2020,[immediately] upon passage and approval by the Assembly.
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7 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April, 2020.
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Chair

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18 for Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 205-2020

Meeting Date: March 31, 2020

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
4 **TEMPORARILY DISCOUNTING TITLE 21 AND TITLE 23**
5 **DEVELOPMENT FEES AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE**
6 **IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH**
7 **EMERGENCY.**
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10 As Anchorage continues its emergency response to COVID-19, as informed by the
11 best public health information available and guided by experts in our health
12 department and throughout our community, we must also prepare our response to
13 the economic emergency.

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15 While we remain committed to preserving life in and adjacent to the municipality,
16 we believe that it is imperative that measures be taken to reduce costs for critical
17 businesses engaged in work necessary to support public infrastructure,
18 construction of housing, and other services that are necessary to maintain the
19 safety, sanitation, and operation of residences and other critical businesses.

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21 This ordinance is estimated to reduce FY20 revenues by \$900,000 due to
22 enactment of an immediate 25% discount in Title 21 & 23 Fees.

23 24 25 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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28 Office of Economic and Community Development

29 Concur: Lance Wilber, Director
30 Office of Management and Budget

31 Concur: Alexander H. Slivka, CFO

32 Concur: Kathryn R. Vogel, Municipal Attorney

33 Concur: William D. Falsey, Municipal Manager

34 Respectfully submitted: Ethan A. Berkowitz, Mayor