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the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Office of Economic and
Community Development
For Reading: July 15, 2008

CLERK'S OFFICE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

APPROVED

AO No. 2008- 89

DATE

7-29-08

1 **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ANCHORAGE**
2 **MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.90 TO ESTABLISH THE WATERSHED &**
3 **NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION.**
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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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8 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 4.90, Aquatic Resource Commission,
9 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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11 **Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 4.90 is hereby re-enacted and renamed
12 the Watershed and Natural Resources Advisory Commission to read as follows:
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14 **Chapter 4.90 Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission**

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16 **4.90.010 Purpose & Goal.**
17 **4.90.020 Composition of Commission.**
18 **4.90.030 Powers & Duties.**
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21 **4.90.010 Purpose & Goal.**
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- 23 A. There is established a Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory
24 Commission.
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26 B. The Commission serves as a technical liaison between municipal
27 departments, the community and state and federal agencies having water
28 quality, watershed and natural resources management responsibilities,
29 programs to restore and improve fish and wildlife habitat and other
30 activities to increase community stewardship of aquatic and other natural
31 resources within the Municipality of Anchorage.
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33 C. The goal of the commission is to sustain the economic and community
34 benefits of healthy creeks, watersheds and natural resource lands within
35 the Municipality of Anchorage by providing technical advice and
36 guidance to help facilitate coordinated and collaborative local, state,
37 federal and private sector watershed and natural resources stewardship,
38 restoration and protection actions.

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4.90.020 **Composition of Commission.**

- A. The Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission shall be composed of nine members.
- B. When making commission appointments, due consideration shall be given to technical qualifications in the fields of aquatic resources, creek restoration, fish passage, hydrology, land management, engineering, project management and permitting, watershed management, education/outreach and fish and wildlife.
- C. The director of the municipal Planning department, or designee, shall serve as the secretary to the commission. Other municipal departments may provide staff support to the commission for issues pertinent to individual departments.

4.90.030 **Powers & Duties.**

- A. The commission has the following powers and duties:
 - 1. Make recommendations, provide advice, and submit reports to the Assembly, the mayor, and municipal departments on watershed, creek and natural resource stewardship, restoration, and protection matters.
 - 2. Serve as a technical liaison and a point of contact between the Municipality and state and federal natural resource, fish and wildlife management agencies, and other interests involved in the stewardship, restoration, management and protection of aquatic habitat, watersheds and natural resource.
 - 3. Review and make recommendations for such special studies on watershed, creek and natural resource matters as may be requested or designated by municipal departments or boards, commissions, or the Assembly.
 - 4. Act in a technical advisory capacity to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission, community councils and other municipal boards and commissions on matters related to creeks, watersheds, and natural resource lands.
 - 5. Provide recommendations to the Mayor and the Assembly on annual capital improvement plans and budgets for natural resource, creek restoration and watershed related activities and projects.

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- 6. Function as the permanent advisory entity for the Municipality's Sustainable Salmon Program and National Fish Habitat Partnership activities.
- 7. Assist with public outreach and education on topics and issues of interest to the commission.
- 8. Provide technical advice, as requested, to the Anchorage School District on curricula and other school programs addressing watersheds, stream ecology, wildlife management and creek restoration.
- 9. Perform other duties, as requested the Mayor and the Assembly.
- 10. Prepare an annual report of commission activities.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 29th day of July 2008.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.90 TO ESTABLISH THE WATERSHED &
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Sponsor: MAYOR
Preparing Agency: Office of Economic & Community Development
Others Impacted: Planning Department

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:		(In Thousands of Dollars)				
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	
Operating Expenditures						
1000 Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2000 Non-Labor	-	2	2	2	2	
3900 Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	
4000 Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less: 7000 Charges to Others	-	-	-	-	-	
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	
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CAPITAL:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp	0	0	0	0	0	

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

None.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

None.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 453 -2008

Meeting Date: July 15, 2008

1 **From: MAYOR**

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3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ANCHORAGE**
4 **MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.90 TO ESTABLISH THE**
5 **WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY**
6 **COMMISSION.**
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8 This ordinance repeals Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 4.90, Aquatic Resource
9 Commission, and re-enacts chapter 4.90 to establish the Watershed & Natural Resources
10 Advisory Commission.

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12 Creeks, natural resources lands and watersheds within the Municipality of Anchorage provide
13 tremendous economic and other valuable benefits to the community, including recreation and
14 tourism, stormwater management, habitat for fish and wildlife, and educational venues for
15 Anchorage school, resource agencies and various municipal departments.

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17 Most watershed and natural resource policy and program issues cut across private and public
18 sector jurisdictions and resolution of these issues is not the sole responsibility of any one
19 local, state, and federal government entity. By establishing a Watershed & Natural Resources
20 Advisory Commission, the Municipality of Anchorage can obtain sound technical advice and
21 guidance in order to proactively and collaboratively address multi-jurisdictional watershed
22 and natural resource issues.

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24 A Municipal Watershed Task Force (Task Force) was created in 2005 to provide the
25 Municipality with technical guidance and expertise on watershed management, salmon and
26 creek restoration. The Task Force has provided technical expertise to the Municipality of
27 Anchorage at no cost to local residents, assisted municipal departments with project
28 permitting involving creeks, watersheds and wetlands, contributed resources to local
29 restoration projects, improved relations between the Municipality and state and federal
30 resource agencies, and provided a forum for community councils and the public to raise and
31 proactively address watershed related issues which cut across multiple local, state, and
32 federal jurisdictions.

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34 However, the Task Force is a temporary entity and is not formally designated within
35 municipal code. The Aquatic Resource Commission, established in 1991 in Anchorage
36 Municipal Code, does not meet current needs and it sunset in 1994. Establishing a formal
37 Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission helps sustain the benefits provided
38 by the Task Force and the intent of the Aquatic Resource Commission.

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40 The commission will advise the Administration and the Assembly on technical matters

1 related to local watersheds, habitats, fish and wildlife, and natural resource issues, helping to
2 address Municipal needs and requirements outlined in *Anchorage 2020*, the *Living with*
3 *Wildlife Plan*, MOA's *sustainable salmon program*, the *Anchorage Bowl Parks Plan*, and
4 aspects of Anchorage's *NPDES Permit* requirements. The commission also provides a
5 mechanism to help the Municipality secure state, federal, and private sector funds for
6 watershed restoration and stewardship projects.

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8 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE**
9 **REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER**
10 **4.90 TO ESTABLISH THE WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY**
11 **COMMISSION.**

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15 Concur: James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney
16 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
17 Concur: Sharon Weddleton, CFO

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19 Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor
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