

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Dick Traini, Assembly Chair
Municipality of Anchorage
632 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: An ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 21.05.010E., table of allowed uses – residential, commercial, industrial, and other districts, and subsection 21.05.060D., warehouse and storage, to reduce unintended consequences for the bulk storage of hazardous materials at the Port of Anchorage.

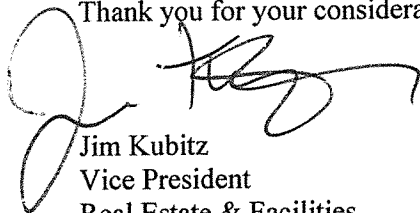
Dear Assembly Chair Traini,

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) supports the efforts of the Municipality of Anchorage to amend the Anchorage Municipal Code to correct an unintended consequence of the recent rewrite of Title 21.

The new requirements are unduly restrictive for the Port of Anchorage (Port) to perform its core functions of bulk fuel storage and distribution. The amendments to subsections 21.05.010E and 21.05.060D will return the bulk fuel storage facilities located at the Port of Anchorage to the reasonable and permitted use under the old code Title 21 .

While lands used for ARRC operations are exempt from municipal zoning, long-time ARRC tenants use land within the terminal reserve for bulk fuel and hazardous material storage. This rewrite of Title 21 will have the unintended consequence of greatly changing the opportunities for use and the value of ARRC land. ARRC also asks that you consider expanding the ordinance to include land within the Alaska Railroad Terminal Reserve. If adding the ARRC at this time creates a timing problem for the Administration, we ask that a subsequent amendment be brought forward in the near future to be acted upon by the Assembly.

Thank you for your consideration.



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