

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Draft#2 of Title 21.

Citizens made it clear as they developed the vision for Anchorage 2020, that they value Anchorage's natural open space and wildlife habitat, and they want to protect these wild places for future generations. Title 21 is a crucial ordinance for the quality of life in Anchorage. It must balance the needs and interests of Anchorage's diverse population, and permit development while maintaining the unique character of our city.

The Public Draft #2 significantly weakens Open Space, Wildlife and Wetland protection provisions important to me. I live in Anchorage because I don't think there should be a hard and fast boundary between city life and natural spaces. My life is enriched when wetlands, forests, and all their wildlife inhabitants are not something that I must drive to see on the weekend, but exist right within human settlement. Anchorage is unique in this way, but it is losing this characteristic. Please help keep Anchorage unique!

At a minimum, there should be comprehensive public workshops to resolve the differences between all the Drafts of Title 21, similar to the workshops that created the vision of Anchorage 2020.

Thank you,

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