

**Thank you for allowing me to provide comments on Draft#2 of Title 21, and attempting to find a middle ground.**

**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. We, and I believe most residents, choose to live here because of the quality of life Anchorage offers.**

**The Public Draft #2 significantly weakens Open Space, Wildlife and Wetland protection provisions important to maintaining that unique character. We moved here from Seattle in the early 90's in large part to escape what we saw as the paving over of that city. Both my husband and I were saddened by Seattle's city planners' attempts to stem the increasing traffic and erosion of open space, brought about primarily as a result of poorly planned growth. We do not want to see Anchorage following the same path.**

**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. We need to envision the city as we would like it to be, not attempt to respond to problems after they have become entrenched.**

**Thank you,  
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