

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Planning Department
For reading:

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2026-__

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER
21.09, TO ALIGN WITH THE NEWLY ADOPTED GIRDWOOD
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2026-0042)

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has adopted Title 21 of the Anchorage
Municipal Code to implement the comprehensive plan in a manner which protects
the public health, safety, welfare, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Girdwood Comprehensive Plan was adopted on March 18,
2025, (AO 2024-114(S)); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department works with other departments to identify and
fix issues in Title 21 as they arise; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.09.040 Zoning Districts is
hereby amended to read as follow (*the remainder of the section is not affected and
therefore not set out*):

21.09.040 ZONING DISTRICTS

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F. Other Districts

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2. GA (Girdwood Airport) District

a. Location

The GA district is appropriate where the comprehensive plan
designates it as an implementation zone. [CONSISTS OF
STATE OF ALASKA-OWNED PROPERTY WHERE THE
GIRDWOOD AIRPORT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED. THE
AIRPORT PROPERTY IS LOCATED NORTH OF ALYESKA
HIGHWAY AND STRADDLES GLACIER CREEK. THE
AIRPORT FACILITY ITSELF IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF
GLACIER CREEK, BUT MUCH OF THE AIRPORT
PROPERTY IS EITHER WETLANDS OR RIVER
FLOODWAY.]

b. Intent

The intent of this district is for continuation of uses that are
primarily aviation, industrial, or transportation related, but also
for wetlands and river floodway to be minimally disturbed by

local law enforcement, and fire enforcement, and the emergency operations center shall be notified.
(C) Quantities of explosives shall be determined by the fire code in AMC title 23.

d[C]. Passive Outdoor Recreation

i. Definition

Those outdoor activities with low environmental impact, are not intrusive, do not use motors and may not require trails. Activities not necessarily requiring trails include backcountry skiing, dog sledding, snowshoeing, off trail hiking, paragliding, blueberry picking, birding, and picnicking. This definition does not include activities involving vehicles or games such as paint ball.

e[D]. Private School

i. Definition

Any building or group of buildings used for academic education for students between the kindergarten and 12th grade level, without major funding from any government agency.

f[E]. Visitor and Information Center

i. Definition

A facility providing information, interpretation, and educational services for visitors.

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(AO 2012-124(S), 2-26-13; AO 2013-117, 12-3-13; AO 2014-133, 11-5-14; AO 2015-142(S-1), 6-21-16; AO 2016-3(S), 2-23-16; AO 2016-30, 3-22-16; AO 2017-68, 4-24-17; AO 2020-53, 6-2-20; AO 2021-89(S), 2- 15-22; AO 2021-112, 3-1-2022; AO 2022-67, 7-26-22; AO 2023-24, 3-21-23; AO 2024-24, 4-23-24; AO 2024-121, 1-7-25; AO 2025-104, 10-7-25)

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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