



# Municipality of Anchorage

## Planning Department

### Memorandum



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**Date:** January 15, 2026

**To:** Reviewing Agencies

**Subject:** PZC Case No. 2026-0010, Text Amendment to Title 21 to Sunset the Urban Design Commission — Request for Public Comments

The Planning Department is seeking comments on the attached Draft Assembly Ordinance and Draft Assembly Memorandum to sunset the Urban Design Commission. This proposal would:

- Sunset the Urban Design Commission.
- Retain requirements and procedures for the reviews normally conducted by the Urban Design Commission, but transfer the reviewing authority to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The UDC met a total of nine times between January 2024 and May 2025. The Planning and Zoning Commission met a total of 31 times during that same time period. The sunseting of the Urban Design Commission would more efficiently use Municipal resources. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets twice per month and the Urban Design Commission meets once per month. This would provide more frequent meeting dates, and potentially reduce review time or provide petitioners with an earlier public hearing scheduling option.

Your comments will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and the Urban Design Commission (UDC) for public hearings scheduled for **PZC on Monday, March 9, 2026, and for UDC on March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage.** Recommendations from the Commissions will be forwarded to the Assembly.

Submit written comments in the following ways:

**by CityView:** <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm>  
(insert case number **2026-0010**)

**by email:** [Anchorage2040@muni.org](mailto:Anchorage2040@muni.org)

**by fax:** (907) 343-7927

**by mail:** Current Planning Division  
MOA Planning Department  
P.O. Box 196650  
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If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Appleby at 907-343-7925 in the Planning Department.

Attachment: Draft Assembly Ordinance  
Draft Assembly Memorandum