

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN CRITERIA MANUAL UPDATE TO CHAPTERS 3 (LANDSCAPING), 7 (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION), & 8 (PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS).**

(Case 2026-0013) (All Community Councils)

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WHEREAS, Project Management & Engineering Department submitted updates to chapters 3 (Landscaping), 7 (Public Transportation), and 8 (Plans and Specifications) of the Design Criteria Manual (DCM) for review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

WHEREAS, the Planning Department provided published notices, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on February 2, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. This update seems reasonable for all three chapters with no known agency or public opposition, rather a handful of comments staff responded to and implemented when needed.
2. Comments from municipal staff were provided and addressed when needed.
3. With these being a technical update and manual, the updates do a good job outlining the priorities as a community and the things that are valued.
4. A variety of representatives and stakeholders provided input to this process, and the feedback was considered and implemented in the updates.

B. The Commission recommends APPROVAL of the DCM draft chapters 3 (Landscaping), 7 (Public Transportation), and 8 (Plans and Specifications) subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. Incorporate all changes outlined in the attachments of the memorandum of case 2026-0013.
2. If the Assembly approves the sunset of the Urban Design Commission (UDC) before this item is heard, the Planning Department recommends removing references to the UDC and replacing them with reference to the updated relevant Title 21 chapters.
3. Remove the last sentence from the last bullet on page 272, from section 3.1 C *Design Variances* in Chapter 3 of the DCM, which reads, "Appeal of decisions regarding variances shall follow the procedures detailed on the Municipality of Anchorage's website in Policy and Procedures Number 10, "Contesting and Appealing Decisions" (found at [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org))."

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission on the 2nd day of February 2026.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission this 2nd day of March 2026.



Melisa R.K. Babb  
Secretary



Andre Spinelli  
Chair

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