



Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department
Memorandum



DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Reviewing Agencies

SUBJECT: 2026-0062, Amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 Chapter 21.05.040G.2.b., Use-Specific Standards for Turnagain Arm public or private parks, to Clarify the Review Process for Park Master Plans

The purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate confusion regarding reviews of park plans for parks located in Turnagain Arm area, which includes Girdwood. The need for this Title 21 amendment came to light in pondering how to direct review of the forthcoming *Girdwood Parks Plan*. The proposed amendment updates the review process to match the existing review process for park projects in Anchorage. The intent is not to add any new requirements, but to provide clarity in the code so that a park plan goes through a park master plan review process, like they do in Anchorage, and not a site plan review process. The code change does not adjust the threshold for reviews.

Your comments will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage**. Recommendations from the Commission 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 2026-0062)

by email: Anchorage2040@muni.org

by fax: (907) 343-7927

by mail: Current Planning Division
MOA Planning Department
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Appleby at 907-343-7925 in the Planning Department.

Attachment: Draft Ordinance