



2026 PRIORITIES

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HOUSING ACTION

communicate the Assembly's housing vision, streamline codes and processes, and spur innovative attainable housing

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

support infrastructure upgrades and affordable energy; improve road safety and ADA compliance; support Port of Alaska Modernization Project

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

fund public safety, mental health & Crisis Now model; invest in outdoor and public spaces; prioritize neighborhood safety

GOOD GOVERNMENT

monitor service delivery to ensure high quality municipal operations, support for MOA workforce & secure MOA's fiscal future

HOUSING ACTION AND HOMELESSNESS

Committees: *CEDC & Housing & Homelessness*

- Complete **pre-approved ADU program** launch
- Identify **revenue for housing and infrastructure**
- **Communicate to the public on progress** toward housing goals and addressing homelessness
- **Define the Assembly's role in housing action** – policymakers, authors of the code, communicators
- Complete the **Transit Supported Development** project
- Support Administration in the Title 23 **Building Code updates**, a pro-housing **Comp Plan update**, developing **public lands for housing**, and addressing **vacant, abandoned buildings**
- Strengthen long-term partnerships to **sustain and improve the shelter system**
- **Increase number of people successfully housed**; continue reductions in unsheltered homelessness
- Prioritize **services for hardest-to-serve individuals**
- Achieve significant **reduction or elimination of large encampments**
- **Establish stabilization centers** in partnership with Southcentral Foundation and Providence

GOOD GOVERNMENT

Committees: *Budget & Finance, Quality MOA Services*

- Explore **new sources of revenues and budget efficiencies**; support cutting red tape across departments
- Continue to champion integrated **data collection/dashboards, especially for public safety & housing**
- Create and utilize **equity filter for public investments**
- **Increase engagement with youth & young adults**; continue Youth Rep program
- Conduct **public education and Town Hall meetings on important local topics**
- **Code updates**: AMC 2.40 – Community Councils and AMC 3.30 – Personnel Rules & Marijuana licensing
- Improve **transparency and accessibility of Municipal grant solicitations** and awards
- Continue to steward Assembly's primary responsibilities: **elections, budget process and audit**
- **Onboard new Assembly Members** in April
- Explore a **new model for Assembly Aides**
- **Assess Assembly branch workflow and staff needs**

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

Committees: *Public Health & Safety*

- Support attainment of **full staffing and improved hiring processes** for AFD, APD, AHD
- Grow and strengthen the role of **Community Service Officers (IMPACT Team)**
- **Improve focus on mental health and wellness**; fully implement **Crisis Now system**
- Have regular **reports from the Chief Medical Officer** at Public Health and Safety committee meetings
- Work with partners on **pre-arrest diversion to behavioral health services** and **re-entry from prison**
- **Prioritize sex trafficking prevention**, including business permitting/high risk registrations
- Strengthen strategies to **reduce drug dealing and drug-related harm**, including fentanyl
- Review and act on **Task Force recommendations for a Public Safety Commission**
- **Continue advancing accountability & enforcement**, with focus on fairness, transparency & consistency
- **Expand & refine use of technology** while maintaining **strong oversight and public accountability**
- Strengthen collaboration with Alaska Native Corporations to **better address the safety, stability, and well-being of Alaska Native people in Anchorage**
- Continue to invest in **wildfire safety**
- **Continue to develop food policy and access** – consuming and producing
- Investigate **childcare support for MOA employees**

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

Committees: *IEUOC, Transportation*

- Support **waste to energy** and other renewable energy projects
- Review the **Climate Action Plan** and support updates
- Monitor and support the **Port of Alaska Modernization Program**
- Support implementation of a **Stormwater Utility**
- Support opening **capital projects nomination process** to additional stakeholders & rural service areas
- Continue to monitor **CASA Capital Improvement Plan** and ensure broad community input
- **Improve People Mover service/experience; explore dedicated bus lanes**
- Continue to **promote safe streets** as part of the Vision Zero Plan; review/action on recent speed studies
- **Pursue options for automated enforcement** (red light cameras/speeding/noise)
- Continue monitoring and support for **adequate plowing of roads and sidewalks**
- Update **comprehensive plan and transportation plan for Eagle River and Chugiak**

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

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DRAFT 2026 PROGRESS REPORT

2025 Accomplishments continued

HOUSING ACTION

Committees: CEDC & Housing & Homelessness

- Cut red tape and improved incentives to build multi-family housing:** updated B-3 mixed use zone, paused multi-family residential design standards, increased tax incentives for 8+ unit and renovations of vacant/abandoned housing, began zoning update in Transit-Supportive Development Corridors
- Made it easier to renovate and rehabilitate existing housing:** eased zoning conformity requirements for older buildings, updated Site Access standards, vacated/cleared abandoned properties
- Created more flexibility and access to new types of housing:** updated requirements for relocatable dwelling units (manufactured/mobile homes) and created pre-approved design program for ADUs
- Explored options for opening up more land to housing development:** ASD transfer of Totem Theater land to MOA for housing, pursued housing projects on National Archives site and HLB lands
- Increased protections for renters:** increased enforcement and fines on dangerous residential buildings
- Extended 3rd party planning review for commercial construction

HOMELESSNESS

Committees: Housing & Homelessness

- Hosted a **community Summit on Anchorage's response to homelessness**
- Restricted illegal camping** in parks & public lands
- Monitored implementation of **MOA year-round shelter system and opening of East 5th Ave shelter**, significantly improving system stability
- Passed ordinances to **give more flexibility with tiny homes and temporary shelters**
- Increased treatment bed capacity**, including 24 tiny homes with the recovery pilot project
- Expanded and improved scale and effectiveness of **street outreach**
- Improved coordination among service providers**, funders & municipal departments
- Increased overall system effectiveness**, contributing to fewer people camping and better connections to shelter and services

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Committees: Rules, Ethics & Elections

- Onboarded four new members**
- Strengthened Youth Representative Program**
- Supported election reform efforts** in State Legislature
- Secured four of the MOA requests to the legislature:** BSA increase, funding for wildfire prevention, Chugach State Park access bill and \$10M for statewide behavioral health services
- Provided Local Government 101 training** to 160+ youth and adults
- Engaged thousands of residents in community discussions** through Town Halls, fiscal future workshops, City Nerd Nites and MOA 50th Anniversary events
- Pursued creation of a Civic Anchor project **to engage more residents in local government**

GOOD GOVERNMENT

Committees: Budget & Finance, Quality MOA Services

- Increased public **outreach/education on MOA budget** and launched a fiscal future workshop
- Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Municipality** with events, stories and activities
- Supported 2nd annual **MOA workforce survey**
- Researched Rank Choice Voting option** for Municipal elections, but could not find a path
- Robust review of FY26 budget** to identify budget-neutral cost reductions to make room for other priorities
- Purchased City Hall** to stabilize costs

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committees: CEDC, IEUOC

- Approved **Girdwood Comprehensive Plan**; identified funding for **Chugiak-Eagle River Plan**
- Engaged the community in **discussions on new tax revenue options**
- Supported small businesses:** reduced inventory tax, new tax incentives for farmlands, updated Cottage Food code, funded child care and early education through marijuana tax revenue
- Provided policy direction on **ways to maximize use of bed tax revenues**

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

Committees: Public Health & Safety

- Permanently established **free fares for youth under 18 on People Mover**; added additional free day for senior citizens
- Facilitated task force to develop new **approach to community involvement in public safety**
- Implemented **significant APD technology upgrades & expanded camera partnerships** to enhance public safety and investigations
- Strengthened crisis intervention and response and integration of services** across MCT, MMI, HOPE Team, APD, and Community Service Officers (IMPACT Team)
- Adopted a **fire ban ordinance**
- Continued monitoring creation of **Alaska Center for Treatment**
- Advanced accountability and trust through **multiple independent evaluations of APD**

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

Committees: IEUOC, Transportation

- Continued to pursue **full restoration of Eklutna River and Pumped Storage Hydro options**
- Oversaw major progress on Port of Alaska Modernization:** awarded Terminal 1 construction contract, authorized bonds for construction of Terminals 1 and 2, monitored the crane agreement
- Continued to work with Administration on future of **Chugach State Park Access (CASA) bond program**
- Monitored development of waste to energy project**, solar on MOA roofs & vehicles, and advocated to legislature to address natural gas shortage
- Adopted a long-range transportation strategy** as an element of the comprehensive plan
- Confirmed **Stormwater Utility appointments**