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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2004- 27

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 2.40 TO ESTABLISH A NEW MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code provides for creation of new community councils that represent natural community areas within the municipality divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers, that have common interests, and that have or are achieving a distinct identity by reason of geography, history, population, transportation and other factors; and

WHEREAS, there is a voluntary association composed of residents, property owners, business owners and representatives from nonprofit associations and other entities in the Midtown area that desire to establish a new community council; and

WHEREAS, in connection with recent review and modification of community council boundaries throughout Anchorage by municipal staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Anchorage Assembly, a new Midtown Community Council was recommended by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission after public input; and

WHEREAS, a voluntary association of private citizens and entities has complied with the requirements of Anchorage Municipal Code Section 2.40.030 for recognition as a community council, including holding two meetings in the district, after public notice through newspaper publication and other means adequate to inform most, if not all, district representatives of the meeting, which resulted in a determination to seek recognition as a new community council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 2.40.030D. is amended to add a new subsection 19, with instructions to the code revisor to renumber the remaining paragraphs, as follows (the remainder of the subsection is not affected, and therefore not set out):

D. Districts Recognized. The Municipality recognizes the following community council districts, which serve areas depicted on maps located in section 2.40.090:

19. Midtown

(The revisor of the Code is requested to re-number the existing community council districts as appropriate.)

Section 2: Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 2.40.090C., Maps 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12 are amended to depict the modified community council district boundaries as shown on the amended maps, attached as exhibit Maps 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12. The area of the new Midtown community council shall include that area south of Fireweed Lane, west of the new Seward Highway, north of International Airport Road and east of Arctic Blvd.


Section 3: The district boundaries for the adjoining and existing community councils are amended to depict the new Midtown Community Council boundaries, as shown on the attached exhibit Maps 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12.

Section 4: There shall be a transitional period of adjustment to the amended community council district boundaries. The Planning Department shall use the amended community councils district boundaries to notify community councils, and community councils shall review and make recommendations under their amended boundaries, regarding land use proposals that are submitted after _____ [insert forty-fifth day after adoption of this ordinance].

Section 5: The contrary provisions of AMC 2.40 and the remaining portions of the Anchorage Municipal Code notwithstanding, and upon passage and approval following public hearing, this ordinance shall be implemented without further review by staff or the Planning and Zoning Commission as the formation of a new Midtown Community Council was reviewed by those same entities in 2002-3 in connection with comprehensive revisions to community council boundaries completed in 2003.

Section 6: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of February, 2004.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

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