



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
Assembly Conference Room #155
Anchorage, AK 99501

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. INITIAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

If you wish to provide comments at the beginning of the meeting, email Assembly Member Rivera at Felix.Rivera@anchorageak.gov by 10am Wednesday, May 15th. Please note: The committee will only be able to accommodate the first 3-4 people who sign up.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Transition out of ECWS
 - Discussion on AR 2024-162, extending the expanded capacity of 200 individuals at 1111 E 56th avenue shelter
 - Summer 2024 Abatement Plan
 - RFP for Transitional Shelter Pilot Program
 - Implementation of Designated Safe Parking Areas

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ASSEMBLY'S HOUSING ACTION PLAN

- Focus investment on re-use of vacant and abandoned nuisance properties
- Evaluate existing incentive programs to identify areas for improvement, or alternatives for new programs, to increase program results, leverage existing infrastructure, and maximize public benefit
- Identify realistic qualification criteria and performance metrics to evaluate projects eligible for incentives (tax abatement, etc.), to ensure public resources are invested with reasonable expectation of public benefit
- Work with Planning staff to review recommendations from a planned targeted housing market study, including analysis of infrastructure costs and impact on development feasibility, accessibility and affordability
- Explore incentives for prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization for projects that receive municipal tax incentives or direct capital investment

Mission Statement: Provide a forum to educate the Assembly and the Anchorage Community on the nature and scope of the problem of homelessness in Anchorage. By increasing the Assembly's understanding of the scope, nature and consequences of homelessness as well as the effectiveness of numerous remedial efforts the Committee will improve the Assembly's ability to efficiently allocate resources.

- Enact any code changes needed to support innovative housing models, such as community land trusts
- Increase local control of federal housing dollars; explore creation of an Anchorage Housing Authority
- Create an Anchorage weatherization assistance home upgrade program
- Support local enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and develop reporting system to reduce housing discrimination
- Explore policies to protect and preserve current affordable housing stock, such as owner- and renter-occupied units in mobile home parks
- Collaborate with landlords, housing and service providers, legal aid programs, and other stakeholders for education about fair housing, tenants' rights, emergency assistance and eviction prevention, and language access resources
- Explore policies to mitigate rapid increases in housing costs
- Support expansion of low-barrier, rapid response programs for emergency rental assistance and preventing eviction
- Remove barriers for people exiting the corrections system to secure permanent housing
- Increase number of supportive housing units operating in the Municipality, to help people live independently
- Encourage investments in residential energy efficiency and weatherization for rental properties and homeowners
- Create housing dashboard, track Muni investment in housing & how units performing
- Broaden community engagement and involvement in housing policy

7. **ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES**

- Investigate and update tax incentives for housing development and upgrades
- Create public dashboard on Assembly home page of homelessness data and metrics to drive data-based decision making
- Ensure Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is funded through 23-24 winter, with a smooth transition to summer operations
- Identify sustainable policy and funding for emergency cold weather shelter
- Prioritize housing investments and policies to reduce number of people experiencing homelessness and demand for shelter
- Continue to implement the recommendations from the Complex Behavioral Health Task Force report
- Refine camp abatement code and prepare for US Supreme Court ruling

8. **FINAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

9. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Dial into the Conference Bridge Phone Number – (907) 273-5190 with Participant Code – 721227 #)