

PRESS RELEASE



Assembly Overrides Mayor's Vetoes – Assembly COVID-19 Mitigation Plan in Effect for Anchorage Assembly Meetings in the Assembly Chambers

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This afternoon the Anchorage Assembly voted to override the Mayor's vetoes and uphold two ordinances that clarify the Assembly's role in executive appointments and management of the Assembly Chambers during Assembly meetings. These ordinances ensure that the Assembly has what it needs to effectively run its meetings and codifies understandings and practices that have prevailed for over 45 years.

As a result, the Assembly's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan will be enforced at Anchorage Assembly meetings in the Assembly Chambers until further notice. Meeting attendees will be required to follow these safety measures:

- **Masks or face coverings must be worn** at all times during Assembly meetings in the Assembly Chambers and in the Wilda Marston Theatre Assembly meeting overflow space.
- For individuals who cannot tolerate a face covering due to physical or mental disability, the Assembly offers the following reasonable accommodations:
 - **Face shields may be worn** in-lieu of a mask.
 - The meeting can be **viewed/listened to on the Assembly's You Tube page, GCI's Yukon TV, and KRUA 88.1FM.**
 - Individuals may **submit written testimony or testify by phone** using the phone/written testimony form; the deadline to sign-up for phone testimony is 5pm the day before the meeting; there is no deadline for written testimony.
- **The occupancy limit for the Assembly Chambers is 125 persons total** and 150 for the Marston Theatre.

More information can be found at: www.muni.org/assembly.

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