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Submitted by: Assembly Chair Constant
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office
For reading: November 18, 2025

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2025-135(S)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.40.020 TO ADOPT A NEW, OR AFFIRM THE CURRENT, CORPORATE SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, by vote of the electorate at an election held on September 9, 1975, the Greater Anchorage Area Borough and the City of Anchorage, municipal corporations, merged into a new entity to be known as the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, leaders navigated the transition from dual governance to a strong mayor, unified system and the establishment of Community Councils which fostered local engagement across neighborhoods, ensuring voices from Eklutna, Chugiak and Eagle River down to Girdwood and Turnagain Arm continue to shape the Municipality of Anchorage's future; and

WHEREAS, the existing Municipality of Anchorage official corporate seal was adopted on October 7, 1975 by the Anchorage Assembly of the newly unified municipality passing and approving Assembly Resolution 18-75, and is codified at Anchorage Municipal Code section 1.40.020; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, leaders have recognized that governing a community made of many communities calls for navigating ongoing tensions and carefully balancing diverse interests; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, then Assembly Member Fred Dyson and Chair Forest Dunbar put forward AR 2018-226 which sought to redesign the seal to be a more inclusive "symbol of pride for all residents of the area, their contributions to the region, and the diverse cultural and community history that forms our local heritage"; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina Athabascans, who have been and continue to be the stewards of this land, and we continue to recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina, with gratefulness and respect; **and**

WHEREAS, our community of communities deserves to shape its identity and determine who we want to be as we move into our next fifty years; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 1.40.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.40.020 Municipal seal.

The seal set forth in this section is adopted as the corporate seal of the municipality.

[Delete existing image; replace with image in (only checked exhibit will apply):

- ☐ *Exhibit A (Minimalist seal with traditional quillwork design)*
- ☐ *Exhibit B (Current seal adding traditional quillwork design)*
- ☐ *Exhibit C (Current seal)*
- ☐ **Exhibit D (Current seal adding simplified quillwork design)**
- ☐ **Exhibit E (Minimalist seal with simplified quillwork design)**

(AR 18-75)

Section 2. The official seal prior to January 1, 2026 shall be valid and legitimate in all respects wherever it is duly affixed or published for official purposes until replaced. The Clerk, Office of Ombudsman, Administration, and Assembly staff are authorized to take such actions as reasonable and necessary to implement this change. The implementation of the new seal is not intended to unduly burden the municipal government, cause disposal of documents, materials or markings, or immediate repainting or replacement of capital, fixtures or property. The Municipality should implement this change in an efficient manner, in due course of its business operations, and no timeframe is mandated for changing imagery on the structures, personal property, appurtenances, capital improvements, uniforms, branded goods or other items.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026 upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM XXX-2025

Meeting Date: _____, 2025

From: Assembly Chair Constant

**Subject: AO 2025-135(S) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE
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The proposed substitute S version of the ordinance presents two additional options for the Assembly's consideration (Exhibits D & E), bringing the total to five:

- Exhibit A – Proposed new design Option 1
- Exhibit B – Proposed new design Option 2
- Exhibit C – Reaffirmation of the existing 1975 seal
- Exhibit D – Proposed new design Option 3
- Exhibit E – Proposed new design Option 4

The two additional options were produced after extensive collaboration between the Legislative Services Office and the Reprographics Department.

As stated before, the Assembly encourages residents to share feedback and perspectives before a final decision is made.

I request your support for the ordinance.

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Constant, Assembly Chair
District 1 – Northern Anchorage

Exhibit A - Minimalist seal with traditional quillwork design



Exhibit B - Current seal adding traditional quillwork design



Exhibit C - Current seal



Exhibit D - Current seal adding simplified quillwork design



Exhibit E - Minimalist seal with simplified quillwork design

