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MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES A NEW PUBLIC PORTAL TO ACCESS APPROVED ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTS

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Anchorage Assembly Vice Chair Christopher Constant and Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones announce that the Anchorage Assembly, in conjunction with the MOA Office of Information Technology, have created a Public Portal to Access Assembly Documents.

Assembly Vice Chair Constant said, "It has been a long time coming. This Public Portal to the historic documents drafted, passed, and approved by the Assembly goes a long way in putting the power of government squarely where it belongs, in the hands of the people. From this time forward, from anywhere in the world, at any time in the world, a concerned individual can find the original Assembly records for themselves, unfiltered."

The Public Portal is located at www.muni.org/assembly/portal. The Portal makes approved Assembly documents – ordinances, resolutions, emergency ordinances, and other documents - available by searching or browsing the approved documents. The search function allows the public to search documents by document type, year, or keyword. The browse function allows the public to review all Assembly documents by year and by type. Jones said, "The new Portal is a pretty phenomenal project! You can browse through every approved ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly for the last 40 years."

Advanced searches allow searches by date of introduction, public hearing date, or Assembly action dates. After finding an approved Assembly document, the public can view the document in a .pdf viewer and save or print the document.

Jones stated the last time the Assembly provided documents to the public was in 2012, when some ordinances and resolutions were uploaded to the website. However, the volume of documents prohibited the Clerk's Office from continuing that system. The new system is automated and updates the Public Portal daily with any new documents or any older documents that had changes. Constant and Jones echoed their thanks to the Clerk's Office Team who update the Assembly documents, Karissa Sleppy, Hydee Caban, and Jennifer Veneklasen; and the MOA Office of Information Technology who created this solution and OIT Team Members Sioux-z Marshall, Steve Burns, Sean Jensen, Dan Barnhardt, Joe Stanis, Heather Holland, and Kyle Perry.

If you have questions about using this system to search for Assembly documents, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at wmasmc@anchorageak.gov or at 343-4311 for further assistance.

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