

Municipal Clerk's Office
Amended and Approved
Date: **April 14, 2020**

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Office of Economic and
Community Development
For reading: March 31, 2020

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2020-46, As Amended

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
TEMPORARILY DISCOUNTING TITLE 21 AND TITLE 23 DEVELOPMENT FEES
AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Article V, Section 5.02 of the Home Rule Charter for the Municipality and Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.80.040, the Mayor declared a civil emergency on March 12, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, to preserve life in and adjacent to the Municipality, the Mayor issued Emergency Orders EO-01, EO-02, and EO-03 to help slow the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, the emergency orders in Anchorage and throughout the nation have resulted in some businesses closing, some workers being laid off, and resulting economic impacts;

WHEREAS, Anchorage desires to protect public health to the greatest extent possible while minimizing economic impacts to the construction industry given our short and intense construction season, now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.020, all fees, except fines and penalties, appearing in Title 21, Land Use Planning, and associated Title 21, Land Use Planning Code of Regulations, shall be discounted by twenty-five percent (25%) effective **retroactively to March 12, 2020[immediately]**, to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 2. Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 23.10.104.15, all fees in Title 23, except fines and penalties or affordable housing projects already eligible for fee reduction in 23.10. Table 3-A, shall be discounted by twenty-five percent (25%) effective **retroactively to March 12, 2020[immediately]**, to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

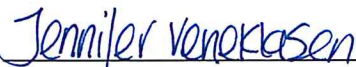
1 **Section 3.** The discounts in Sections 1 and 2 shall expire on December 31, 2020.

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3 **Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective **retroactively to March 12,**
4 **2020,[immediately]** upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

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7 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April, 2020.

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Chair

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

AO Number: 2020-46

Title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE OF REGULATIONS TO TEMPORARILY DISCOUNT TITLE 21, LAND USE PLANNING, AND TITLE 23 FEES AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO**

Sponsor: **MAYOR**
 Preparing Agency: Development Services
 Others Impacted: Planning, Fire Department (Fire Marshal), Project Mgmt. & Engineering (Watershed)

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:					
(In Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES:	\$ (900)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL:					
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp					
PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:					

Estimated Reduction in Revenues due to Enactment of an Immediate 25% Discount in Title 21 & 23 Fees
(These reductions are a direct result of enacting the ordinance to provide for a 25% discount on fees.)

(67.8) Planning Department's General Fund Fees (101000)
 (536.4) Development Services Department's Building Fund Fees (163000)
 (51.1) Anchorage Fire Department's Fire Plan Review/Fire System Permit Fees - Fire Fund (131000)
 (214.9) Development Services Department's General Fund Fees (101000)
 (29.3) Project Mgmt. & Engineering's Watershed Fees (101000)

(312.0) General Fund (101000) Total
 (536.4) Building Fund (163000) Total
 (51.1) Fire Fund (131000) Total

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Reduction in land use planning and building fees in Titles 21 and 23, effective immediately through December 31, 2021, is being proposed as the first of many financial stimulus measures designed to alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 205-2020

Meeting Date: March 31, 2020

FROM: MAYOR

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
TEMPORARILY DISCOUNTING TITLE 21 AND TITLE 23
DEVELOPMENT FEES AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY.**

As Anchorage continues its emergency response to COVID-19, as informed by the best public health information available and guided by experts in our health department and throughout our community, we must also prepare our response to the economic emergency.

While we remain committed to preserving life in and adjacent to the municipality, we believe that it is imperative that measures be taken to reduce costs for critical businesses engaged in work necessary to support public infrastructure, construction of housing, and other services that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences and other critical businesses.

This ordinance is estimated to reduce FY20 revenues by \$900,000 due to enactment of an immediate 25% discount in Title 21 & 23 Fees.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

Prepared by: Christopher M. Schutte, Director
Office of Economic and Community Development

Concur: Lance Wilber, Director
Office of Management and Budget

Concur: Alexander H. Slivka, CFO

Concur: Kathryn R. Vogel, Municipal Attorney

Concur: William D. Falsey, Municipal Manager

Respectfully submitted: Ethan A. Berkowitz, Mayor