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From: ASSEMBLY CHAIR CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT

Subject: ORDINANCE NO. AO 2025-74, AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.05 AND SECTIONS 8.45.015 AND 15.20.020 TO PROHIBIT CAMPING ON PUBLIC PREMISES BY PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS CONSISTENT WITH CITY OF GRANTS PASS V. JOHNSON AND OTHER LAW.

For the Assembly's consideration, please see the attached letter from the State of Alaska Department of Health regarding grant reductions to behavioral health grantees, and relevant to the discussion on AO 2025-74, AO 2025-74(S) and AO 2025-74(S-1).

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Dear Division of Behavioral Health Grantee,

As we enter the third year of a three-year continuation grant cycle, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the dedication and work of Alaska's behavioral health providers. Your continued efforts and engagement are vital as we collectively work to strengthen and improve our behavioral health system.

As previously communicated, the Division will be implementing grant reductions for FY26 continuation grant awards. These reductions are the result of a decrease in the Division's overall budget, primarily due to:

- Declining revenue from marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol taxes, and
- The spend-down and expiration of pandemic-era supplemental funding.

Although the Division has experienced declining tax revenue in previous fiscal years, we were able to absorb those losses internally to avoid impacting grant awards. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to maintain that practice, which has led to the necessary reductions for FY26.

The methodology used to calculate the FY26 reductions is below. This reflects Department of Health and Division of Behavioral Health priorities, with a focus on preserving funding for youth and crisis services wherever possible.

- **Community Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery (CBHTR)**
 - Residential & Withdrawal Management for Adults: 25% reduction
 - Outpatient (Adults): 20% reduction
 - Outpatient (Youth): 5% reduction
 - Residential & Withdrawal Management for Youth: 0% reduction
- **Prevention and Early Intervention Services:** 15% reduction
- **Rural Human Services:** 15% reduction
- **Bethel Sobering Center/Community Patrol:** 25% reduction

We understand the significant impact these reductions may have and do not take these decisions lightly. We appreciate the essential services you provide in your communities and recognize the commitment, compassion, and expertise required to deliver quality behavioral health care—often under challenging circumstances. The programs you lead are a cornerstone of the behavioral health system in Alaska, and your dedication continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Alaskans.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy A. Dompeling".

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