

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2021-71(S)**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING**
2 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.08.050G. TO ALLOW ROLLED**
3 **CURB[S] ON RESIDENTIAL MINOR STREETS.**
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6 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage suffers under a shortage of housing and increasing housing
7 costs; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the 'new' Title 21 increased the amount of vertical curb required; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, to provide for a greater variety of homes, in new subdivisions lots are
12 sold without knowing where the future home's driveway will be optimally located;
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15 **WHEREAS**, currently developers are required to guess at where a driveway should
16 be and put roll-curbs there and vertical curbs elsewhere; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, residential minor streets have the sole purpose of providing frontage
19 for service and access to individual lots. These streets carry only traffic having
20 either an origin or a destination on the street itself, and include cul-de-sacs or small
21 loops carrying 500 average daily trips; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in high density neighborhoods, transitions from vertical to roll-curb
24 styles are frequent and creating an aesthetic challenge; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage should limit the number of cuts and patches in roads, curbs,
27 sidewalks etc to preserve the integrity and to extend the useful life of our expensive
28 infrastructure. Vertical curbs in residential neighborhoods increases this
29 significantly reducing the life and increasing maintenance and repair costs; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, a new home must remove and replace a section of vertical curb with
32 roll-curb or remove and reconstruct an existing roll-curb access to accommodate
33 the home's final driveway access location adding significantly to the cost of the
34 home with little community benefit; now, therefore,

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36 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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38 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.08.050 is hereby amended to
39 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
40 *out*):
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21.08.050 – Improvements.

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G. Curbs and Gutters. Where required, the subdivider shall construct curbs and gutters in accordance with the Design Criteria Manual and Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (MASS), or, in the case of a state-maintained road, the current standard specifications of the state department of transportation and public facilities. For residential minor streets, as defined by Subsection 21.08.050D.1.a.i, curbs may be of the roll-curb variety, as identified in the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (Curb Type 2), when sidewalks will be separated from the curb by a minimum of four (4) feet [the traffic engineer has determined the impact on walkability will not be significant.] For all other streets, curbs shall be of the **Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO) VERTICAL TYPE]** (Curb Type 1).

1. *Exceptions.*

a. Curb and gutter within the arc of a residential scale cul-de-sac shall be of the roll-curb variety, as identified in the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (Curb Type 2).

b. **MOA Type 2 curb and gutter may be provided for residential minor streets as defined in Subsection 21.08.050D.1.a.i., that do not require installation of pedestrian facilities per AMC 21.08.050H.**

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(AO 2012-124(S), 2-26-13; AO 2013-117, 12-3-13; AO No. 2013-89(S-1), § 1, 10-22-13; AO No. 2016-131, § 3, 11-15-16; AO No. 2017-176, § 11, 1-9-18; AO No. 2020-38, § 9, 5-28-20)

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk