



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

No. AIM 225-2021

Meeting Date: December 21, 2021

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AO**  
4 **NO.2021-71(S), AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE**  
5 **MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL**  
6 **CODE SECTION 21.08.050G. TO ALLOW ROLLED CURB ON**  
7 **RESIDENTIAL MINOR STREETS.**  
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10 This AIM transmits the recommendations for AO No. 2021-71, Planning Case No.  
11 2021-0112. The Platting Board recommended approval with proposed  
12 amendments, and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended  
13 denial per PZC Resolution No. 2021-030.  
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15 On July 27, 2021, Assembly Member John Weddleton introduced AO 2021-71 to  
16 amend Anchorage Municipal Code 21.08.050G., *Curbs and Gutters*, to allow rolled  
17 curb and gutter (Type 2) on residential minor streets. The text amendment was  
18 remanded to both the Platting Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
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20 Per AMC 21.03.210C., *Title 21 Text Amendments, Approval Criteria*, text  
21 amendments may be approved if the Assembly finds that all the following criteria  
22 have been met:  
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- 24 1. The proposed amendment will promote the public health, safety, and general  
25 welfare;
- 26 2. The proposed amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan and the  
27 stated purposes of this title; and  
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- 29 3. The proposed amendment is necessary or desirable because of changing  
30 conditions, new planning concepts, or other social or economic conditions.  
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33 On October 6, 2021, the Platting Board recommended approval of AO 2021-71  
34 with proposed amendments 1-4 on page 2 of the attached staff report, which are  
35 reflected in AO No. 2021-71(S). The Platting Board made findings that they have  
36 approved a number of variances from the existing standard to install vertical curb  
37 (Type 1), and that rolled curb will reduce development costs when the developer

1 may not know where the driveway will be located, and will provide flexibility for  
2 both developers and homeowners.

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4 On October 11, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial  
5 of the ordinance, stating lack of information to justify the safety concern that may  
6 be created by this text amendment, and the preponderance of comments in  
7 opposition of the proposed text amendment on the basis of walkable  
8 neighborhoods. The Planning and Zoning Commission did not find that the  
9 recommended four-foot separate from curb and sidewalk would mitigate concerns  
10 for public safety and did not find that the approval criteria for text amendments was  
11 met.

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13 Prepared by: Karlie Gedig, Senior Planner, Planning Department  
14 Approved by: Michelle J. McNulty, Planning Director  
15 Concur: Adam Trombley, Community Development Director  
16 Concur: Amy Demboski, Municipal Manager  
17 Respectfully submitted: Dave Bronson, Mayor

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19 Attachments: Planning Staff Packet  
20 - Planning and Zoning Commission Resolution No. 2021-030  
21 - Platting Board Findings of Fact and Decision  
22 - PZC and PB Staff Packet for Case No. 2021-0112

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24 (Case No. 2021-0112)  
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