

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2022-42

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY WAIVING**
2 **CERTAIN FEES ESTABLISHED IN THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE AS**
3 **AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19**
4 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly understands that while the community is
8 becoming safer from the COVID-19 pandemic and its threat to public health, there
9 is a still a need to support and incentivize local development and construction,
10 transportation services, and the restaurant and hospitality industries as the
11 economy continues to recover from the detrimental impacts of the public health
12 emergency; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, during 2020 and 2021, Mayor Berkowitz, Acting Mayor Quinn-
15 Davidson, and the Anchorage Assembly, supported waiver of several permit,
16 inspection and other fees established in the Anchorage Municipal Code to
17 encourage and support local development and construction, transportation services,
18 and the hospitality industry, as iterated below; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly previously passed AO 2020-46, as amended, waiving
21 portions of Title 21 and Title 23 development fees; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly previously passed AO 2020-52 waving portions of Title
24 11 annual permit fees for taxis, vehicles for hire, and dispatching services; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly previously passed AO 2020-88 waiving permit fees for
27 bed and breakfasts; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly previously passed AO 2021-19(S), as amended, waiving
30 portions of Title 16 annual permits fees for hospitality industry and food permit users;
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33 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly received positive feedback from the
34 community when it waived these fees in 2020 and 2021; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly is committed to supporting local residents and
37 businesses, and encouraging responsible housing and other development; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality is anticipating receipt of approximately \$52 million in
40 the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds by May of 2022; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, reduction of these fees for the remainder of FY 2022 would be an
43 appropriate and worthy use of a portion of these funds; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, reduction of these fees for the remainder of FY 2022 is consistent with
2 A New Day for Anchorage: the Anchorage Assembly Jobs Plan, which promotes
3 investment in our infrastructure, building our local workforce and businesses,
4 support of our families, and making government work for residents; now, therefore

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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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8 **Section 1.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.020, all
9 fees, except fines and penalties, appearing in Title 21, Land Use Planning, and
10 associated Title 21, Land Use Planning Code of Regulations, shall be discounted
11 by fifty percent (50%), to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public
12 health emergency.

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14 **Section 2.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 23.10.104.15, all fees in
15 Title 23, except fines and penalties or affordable housing projects already eligible
16 for fee reduction in 23.10. Table 3-A, shall be discounted by fifty percent (50%), to
17 help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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19 **Section 3.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code section 11.10.160, the
20 2022 transportation inspection permit fees for taxis, vehicles for hire, and related
21 dispatching services, appearing in Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations,
22 Sections 11.10.009.B.2 and B.3, shall be discounted by fifty percent (50%) effective
23 immediately, to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health
24 emergency.

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26 **Section 4.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations
27 21.20.007K.5., the Bed and Breakfast Biennial Fee shall be waived for the year 2022
28 to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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30 **Section 5.** Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 16.60.110, all permit fees
31 appearing in Anchorage Municipal Code 16.60.110 shall be waived for the year
32 2022 for hospitality businesses and certain food permit users—to include
33 restaurants, bars, cottage food, mobile and fixed mobile units, kiosks, push carts,
34 bakeries, caterers, schools and child care facilities in order to help alleviate the
35 economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver shall
36 apply to all existing hospitality businesses and certain food permit users listed
37 above, as well as new businesses applying for permits in 2022.

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39 **Section 6.** The discounts and waivers in Sections 1 through 5 shall expire one
40 year from date of passage and approval.

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42 **Section 7.** The Anchorage Assembly recommends the Mayor and Administration
43 reduce or waive fees for municipal services, permits, and licenses that are
44 established by Municipal Departments and not in Code, such as park permit user
45 fees, as an economic stimulus measure and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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47 **Section 8.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and
48 approval by the Assembly.

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50 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day

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of _____, 2022.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

