

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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Board of Building Regulations Examiners and Appeals

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Anchorage Assembly
Municipality of Anchorage
632 W 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Assemblyman Cross and Sulte:

We, the members of the Board of Building Regulations Examiners and Appeals (Building Board), do not support the proposed ordinance to modify Anchorage Municipal Code section 23.10.104.9 to allow independent structural plan review on commercial construction permits as it is currently written.

The Building Permits Department already has a third-party independent structural review process in place for commercial permits and is available upon request when submitting documents for plan review.

We welcome any interest in improving the plan review process in our city and see some merit in the proposed changes. However, if the ordinance is implemented as currently written, we are concerned it will result a reduction in the safety of our buildings and that the permitting process could be opened to abuse.

We would like to move this topic forward and as such this Board invites you to engage with us in developing this ordinance. We also recommend involving the general contracting and structural engineering community to get their input.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith Sobolesky", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Keith Sobolesky
Board of Building Regulations Examiners and Appeals Chair