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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 1.25.005 AND 1.25.015 TO REQUIRE THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BE POSTED IN A PUBLIC PLACE MAINTAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK, PLAYED ON A RECORDING MAINTAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK, AND POSTED ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS

Section 1: Anchorage Municipal Code section 25.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.25.005 Definitions.

Announcement means a verbal recording or written posting of the date, time, place, and subject of a meeting that states the names of the public officials calling or organizing the meeting, and which is distributed in addition to any other methods used to further public awareness of meetings through the following methods [BY]

- 1 Display of written information in a public place maintained by the municipal clerk as the municipality's public notice location and which is accessible to the public 24 hours per day, or, in the case of the school board, such a place maintained by the school district; or
2. Automatic replay of a recording maintained by the municipal clerk and accessible to the public 24 hours per day, or, in the case of the school board, such a recording maintained by the school district; and
- 3 Posting on a publicly accessible computer bulletin board system maintained by the municipality [OTHER METHODS WHICH MAY BE USED IN ADDITION TO THE METHODS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A.1 OR A.2 OF THIS SECTION TO FURTHER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF MEETINGS. WHENEVER PRACTICAL, SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE POSTING ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD].

Section 2: Anchorage Municipal Code section 25.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.25.015 Notice of meetings.

- A. Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(e), reasonable notice of meetings of the assembly, school board, all regulatory and adjudicatory boards and commissions listed in chapter 4.40, the

election commission, [THE ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS,] the Anchorage Parking Authority board of directors, the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts board of directors, and any other municipal bodies with authority for spending, policy, regulation or adjudication, not including community councils, shall be announced as defined in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005 as follows:

- 1 Regular meetings shall, in addition to other advertising requirements of this Code, be announced using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005, except that the subject may be omitted.
2. Special meetings shall be announced a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in such definition.
- 3 Except in cases when exigencies require unusual haste, continued meetings should be announced a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005, and should, time permitting, be advertised in the same manner as a regular meeting.
4. Work sessions should be announced at least 48 hours prior to the work session using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005. However, if a body holds regular work sessions at a usual, prearranged time, the subject and place of the work session may be announced 24 hours prior to the work session.
- 5 Committee meetings should be announced at least 48 hours prior to the meeting using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005. However, if a committee holds regular meetings at a usual, prearranged time, the subject and place of the meeting may be announced 24 hours prior to the meeting.
6. Informal meetings should be announced at least 24 hours prior to the meeting using all three [ONE OR MORE] of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005. Anyone may attend an informal meeting; however, should a quorum of any body subject to this chapter be present at any time, the meeting must be adjourned.
- 7 Except for an emergency special meeting of the assembly as convened according to section 2.30.030.F, meetings scheduled to occur on weekends or municipal holidays shall be announced no later than noon on the last business day prior to the meeting or earlier as otherwise provided in this section.

B Reasonable notice of meetings of technical advisory boards, program advisory boards, utility commissions, the aquatic resource commission, all service area supervisory boards, and other boards, commissions, task forces and committees, or other municipal

bodies without authority for spending, policy, regulation or adjudication, not including community councils, shall be accomplished by means of listing with the municipal clerk, as defined in section 1.25.005 and through the use of all three of the methods described in the definition of the term "Announcement" in section 1.25.005. The contents of the clerk's listing shall be open to inspection or telephone inquiry during normal business hours. Listing shall be required as follows:

- 1 The subject, time and place of meetings attended by a quorum of the body shall be listed with the municipal clerk at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, except that the subject may be omitted for regular meetings.
2. The subject, time and place of any meeting attended by more than three members of a body when the gathering is prearranged for the purpose of considering a matter upon which the body is empowered to act shall be listed with the municipal clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

C.-J. (No change.)

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 1999.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk