

1 REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING  
2 COMMISSION ON 2-13-01; SEE AO 2001-47(S)

Submitted by: Assemblymember TAYLOR  
Prepared by: Assembly Office  
For reading: FEBRUARY 13, 2001

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5 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
6 AO NO. 2001-47  
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8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING  
9 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION 21.45.235.C. REGARDING THE  
10 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF CHURCHES  
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13 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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15 **Section 1:** That AMC Subsection 21.45.235.C. of the Anchorage Municipal Code  
16 is amended to read as follows:

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18 21.45.235 Churches.

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20 C. *Maximum height.* A church may not exceed the height permitted in the  
21 zoning district in which it is located, except that, in districts where the  
22 maximum height is **30 [25]** feet, the maximum height for a church or a  
23 portion of a church may increase to a maximum height of 35 feet so long as  
24 the vertical distance between any point on the church and the level of the  
25 ground at any reference point on any property line for the church site shall  
26 not exceed one-half of the horizontal distance between the two points.  
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28 **Section 2:** That this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and  
29 approval.

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31 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
32 \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.  
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37 Chair

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39 ATTEST:

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43 \_\_\_\_\_  
44 Municipal Clerk  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
NO. AM 149-2001

Meeting Date: FEBRUARY 13, 2001

1 **From: Assemblymember Taylor**  
2 **Subject: Amending AMC Subsection 21.45.235.C - Maximum Height of**  
3 **Churches**  
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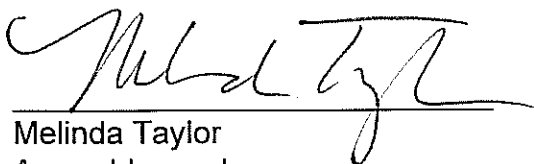
5 **This proposed ordinance is a "housekeeping" measure to correct an oversight in**  
6 **the Municipal Code.** In 1986, the Assembly approved AO 86-90, which enacted a new  
7 Title 21 section covering churches, to include the maximum height of churches as  
8 follows:  
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10 "A church may not exceed the height permitted in the zoning district in which it is  
11 located, except that, in districts where the maximum height is 25 feet, the  
12 maximum height for a church or a portion of a church may increase to a  
13 maximum height of 35 feet so long as the vertical distance between any point on  
14 the church and the level of the ground at any reference point on any property line  
15 for the church site shall not exceed one-half of the horizontal distance between  
16 the two points.  
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18 **In 1999, the Assembly approved AO 99-49, which changed the maximum height of**  
19 **structures from 25 feet to 30 feet in residential zoning districts R-1, R-1A,**  
20 **R-2A, R-2D, R-2M, and R-10. However, there was no corresponding change made**  
21 **to the language above regarding the maximum height of churches (presently**  
22 **AMC Subsection 21.45.235.C.) Without this change, a church could not increase**  
23 **to a 35-foot height unless it was in a residential district with a 25-foot height**  
24 **restriction. But, given the 1999 change, there are currently no residential**  
25 **districts with a 25-foot height restriction. Therefore, churches and their**  
26 **accessory use buildings are restricted to 30-foot limits.**  
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28 Approval of this ordinance is recommended.  
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31 Respectfully submitted by:

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36 Melinda Taylor  
37 Assemblymember

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects - General Government**

**AO Number: 2001-47**

**Title: Amending AMC 21.45.235.C - Height  
of Churches**

**Sponsor:**     *Assemblymember Taylor*

**Preparing Agency:** *Assembly Office*

**Others Affected:** *Planning, Public Works*

**CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE AND REVENUES (Thousands of Dollars)**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 94</b>	<b>FY 95</b>	<b>FY 96</b>	<b>FY 97</b>	<b>FY 98</b>
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Supplies					
3000 Other Services					
4000 Debt Service					
5000 Capital Outlay					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>					

<b>ADD: 6000 Charge from Others</b>					
<b>LESS: 7000 Charge to Others</b>					
<b>FUNCTION COSTS:</b>					

<b>REVENUES:</b>					
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<b>CAPITAL:</b>					

<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp.</b>					

**Public Sector Economic Effects:**

*No public sector economic effects anticipated.*

***Private Sector Economic Effects:***

*No private sector economic effects anticipated.*

Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET

AO 2001-43

<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <b>2-6-01</b>
	<b>Amending AMC 21.45.235 C.</b> <b>(Max. height of churches)</b>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
		<b>AO, AM,</b> <b>'SEE'</b>
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Fay Von Gemmingen
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4751
<b>4</b>	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS DATE
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manger	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
<b>5</b>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>2/13/01 - Referred to P&amp;Z Commission</i></span> <span><i>7B</i></span> <span><i>Introductory</i></span> </div>	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <b>2-13-01</b>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <b>To be determined</b>

