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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2001-58

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REVISING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.30.070 BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION H. REGARDING TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND VOTING BY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, members of the Anchorage Assembly were elected by the people of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, members of the Anchorage Assembly wish to conscientiously discharge the duties of their office by attending Assembly meetings; and

WHEREAS, members of the Anchorage Assembly occasionally cannot attend Assembly meetings due to sickness, accidents, and other unforeseen emergencies, and when away from Anchorage on official Municipal travel/business; and

WHEREAS, for meetings of governmental bodies, State law (AS 44.62.310) allows for teleconference participation and voting; and

WHEREAS, for some time, the Anchorage School Board has utilized teleconference participation and voting by its members; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is exploring ways to improve the sound and technical capabilities within the Assembly Chambers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly ordains:

Section 1: That 'AMC Section 2.30.070, Voting, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection H. as follows:

2.30.070 Voting.

H. A member of the Assembly, who will be absent from a legislative meeting, including a legislative executive session, due to sickness, accident, or other unforeseen emergency, or who is outside of the Municipality on official Municipal travel/business, may participate in and vote at the meeting by telephone or other electronic means under the following circumstances:

- 1 The meeting is held with a quorum of members physically present;
2. Reasonable technical capabilities are available at the meeting location to allow the member to participate by teleconference, to include being able to hear and engage in discussion, and being audible to all persons participating in the meeting;

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4 3. Prior to the meeting, maximum efforts are made to ensure that the member
5 participating by teleconference is provided with the meeting agenda and
6 other pertinent documents to be discussed and/or acted upon; and
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8 4. All votes taken at the meeting are by roll call.
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12 **Section 2:** That this ordinance is effective immediately upon passage and approval.
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15 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of
16 March, 2001.
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20 Fay Van Lenninger
21 Chair

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25 Lizanne Ferguson
26 Municipal Clerk
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29 Assembly amendment added a new Section 2 to read:
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31 Section 2. This ordinance shall be brought before the Assembly for review and
reauthorization or amendment 30 days prior to the first annual anniversary date
of its passage.