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Submitted by: Assemblymember TESCHE  
Prepared by: Assembly Office  
For reading: March 13, 2001

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2001- 80**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY EMPANELING A SPECIAL CITIZENS TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ANY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MUNICIPAL BUILDING, FIRE, AND LIFE SAFETY CODES.**

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WHEREAS, through the administration and enforcement of its building, fire, and life safety codes, the Municipality of Anchorage regulates private development as necessary to ensure a safe and liveable city for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the application of these codes imposes significant costs upon developers of new construction projects and can effect the timely completion of such projects; and

WHEREAS, to optimize public safety and, at the same time, promote reasonable, cost efficient development, the Assembly finds that it would be in the public interest to periodically review Municipal building, fire, and life safety codes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES**

**Section 1: Purpose**

This resolution allows the Mayor to appoint a Special Citizens Task Force of distinguished citizens to review the Municipality's existing building, fire and life safety codes and to make recommendations to the Administration and Assembly regarding needed improvements to these local codes, to include their administration and enforcement, and the incorporation of new technologies into the codes.

**Section 2: Appointment and Composition**

Within 30 (thirty) days of passage of this resolution, a Special Citizens Task Force consisting of not more than 15 (fifteen) members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly to undertake the tasks outlined in Section 1 above.

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4 Section 3: Work Product.

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6 Within 90 (ninety) days following confirmation of the appointment of its members,  
7 the Task Force shall submit final, written recommendations to the Mayor and Assembly  
8 regarding the adequacy of current building, fire and life safety codes, and  
9 recommendations for improvement.

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12 Section 4: Staff Support.

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14 Planning, Development & Public Works shall provide staff support services as  
15 required by the Task Force.

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18 Section 5: Effective Date

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20 This resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval

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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this \_\_\_\_ day  
24 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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28 Chair

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34 Municipal Clerk  
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**Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

*AK 2001-80*

<b>1</b>	<b>SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT</b>	<b>DATE PREPARED</b> <i>3-9-01</i>
	<i>Citizens' Task Force on Building, Fire, &amp; Safety Codes</i>	<b>INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED</b>
		<i>AR</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT NAME</b> Assembly	<b>DIRECTOR'S NAME</b> Fay Von Gemmingen
<b>3</b>	<b>THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY</b>	<b>HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER</b> 4751
<b>4</b>	<b>COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>INITIALS</b> <b>DATE</b>
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	<b>Municipal Manger</b>	
	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>	<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS</b>	
	<i>For Action</i> <i>7.C.5.</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE</b> <i>3-13-01</i>	<b>7</b> <b>PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b> <i>—</i>

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# **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

## **ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**

**No. AM 271-2001**

**Meeting Date: March 13, 2001**

**From: Mayor**

**Subject: AR 2001-80; Citizens Task Force to Review Building, Fire and Life Safety Codes.**

AR 2001-80 was filed with the Municipal Clerk on March 9, 2001 for action on March 13, 2001. It proposes a citizen's task force to review the Municipal building, fire and life safety codes to optimize public safety and promote reasonable, cost efficient development.

Anchorage Municipal Code 4.40.030 establishes the Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals (Building Board) consisting of eleven members qualified by experience or training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction and including architects, registered civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, general and plumbing contractors including residential.

Under the auspices of the Building Board and staffed by the Department of Public Works, there are seven private sector citizen committees covering architectural, structural, fire, mechanical, plumbing, residential, fuel gas, and existing buildings codes which are reviewing and making recommendations on all aspects of building, fire, life safety, accessibility, energy and administrative codes in Title 23. The purpose of these groups is to update and improve the existing 1997 codes to the 2000 Uniform Building Codes produced by the Inter National Conference of Building Officials. A member of the Building Board chairs each Building Code review group.

There are approximately 100 members of these citizen groups from the private sector with relevant technical expertise. Several professional organizations and public entities are represented on these committees including Home Builders Association, Associated General Contractors, American Institute of Architects, engineering societies, Anchorage School District, and the insurance industry. These citizen groups include contractors, architects, builders, developers, engineers, fire services, regulators and interested citizens. Their meetings are advertised and held as public meetings. They review all of Title 23 and have been working since December 2000 with the goal to be finished in May 2001. Their recommendations will go to the full Building Board for public hearings and final recommendation to the Assembly for amendments to the building, fire and life safety codes.

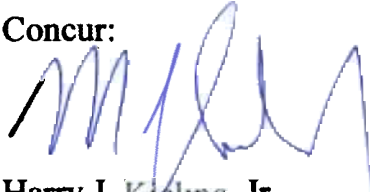
This is the process followed every three years to update the Municipal building, fire and life safety codes.

**AM 271-2001, AR 2001-80, Citizens Task Force to Review Codes**

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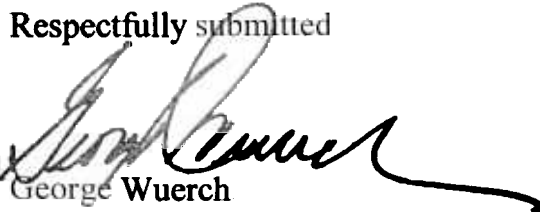
THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES AR 2001-80 AS DUPLICATIVE OF THE ABOVE-  
DESCRIBED PROCESSES AND UNNECESSARY AND URGES THE ASSEMBLY TO  
POSTPONE THIS RESOLUTION INDEFINITELY.

Concur:



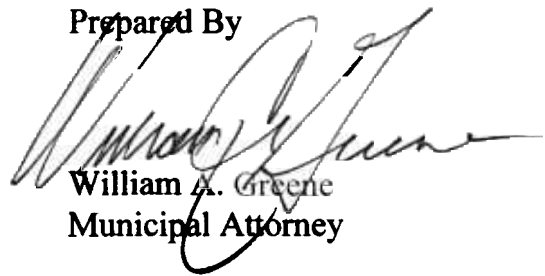
Harry J. Kieling, Jr.  
Municipal Manager

Respectfully submitted



George Wuerch  
Mayor

Prepared By



William A. Greene  
Municipal Attorney

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**Agenda Document Control Sheet**

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*Am 271-2001*

<b>1</b>	<b>SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT</b>	<b>DATE PREPARED</b>	
	<b>Administration opposition of AR 2001-80; Citizens Task Force to Review Building, Fire and Life Safety Codes</b>	<b>March 13, 2001</b>	
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
<b>2</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT NAME</b>	<b>DIRECTOR'S NAME</b>	
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	<b>Municipal Clerk</b>		
	<b>Other</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Special Instructions/Comments</b>		
	<i>Addendum</i> <i>7.C 5.a. Action</i>		
<b>6</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b>		<b>7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b>
	<i>3/13/01</i>		

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