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Submitted by: Assemblymember Faircough

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: May 11, 2004

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO NO. 2004-⁹¹

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.50.010, CLOSING HOURS FOR
LICENSED PREMISES, TO ALLOW PATRONS TO SAFELY EXIT THE PREMISES**

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the Anchorage Municipal Code 10.50.010 is hereby amended to read as follows: (Other portions of the section are not affected and therefore not set out.)

10.50.010 Closing hours for licensed premises.

- A. Premises licensed under AS 4.11.080 for the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be closed for the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday or on a legal holiday recognized by the state under AS 44.12.010. Patrons shall be permitted to remain on the premises for up to one hour following closing in order to secure safe transportation, provided that no alcoholic beverages be available for sale, service, or consumption.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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Sponsor: Assemblymember Fairclough CLOSING HOURS FOR LICENSED PREMISES, TO ALLOW PATRONS TO
Preparing Agency: Assembly SAFELY EXIT THE PREMISES

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:			(In Thousands of Dollars)		
	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:					
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
FUNCTION COST:					
REVENUES:					
CAPITAL:					
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp					
PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:					

Fiscal impact to the Municipality will be minimal. There may be reduced incidence of sexual assaults and other violent crimes in the vicinity of licensed premises following closing. There may also be reduced incidence of DUI following closing. Both would result in fewer calls for police and other emergency services.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There are no significant private sector economic effects anticipated.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. AM 407-2004

Meeting Date: May 11, 2004

From: Assemblymember Fairclough
Subject: CLOSING HOURS FOR LICENSED PREMISES

Currently, Anchorage Municipal Code requires those premises licensed under AS 4.11.080 to be closed for the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday or on a legal holiday recognized by the State of Alaska. Many establishments have interpreted this to mean patrons may not remain on the premises after closing hours. In order to avoid a violation, establishments are rushing patrons out the doors at closing time, and this situation has public safety implications.

This ordinance would require licensees to permit patrons to remain on the premises for up to one hour provided no alcoholic beverages were made available for sale, service, or consumption. This time period will allow patrons to obtain safe transportation while waiting in a safe and secure environment. For example, instead of being forced to wait for a taxi or ride in the middle of a dark, empty, frozen parking lot, a patron would be permitted to wait inside a bar safe from the elements and violent crimes.


Currently, nothing in Code or Statute prohibits patrons from remaining on the premises for an hour following closing time. This ordinance does not extend the hours in which alcohol may be sold or consumed, but simply protects the health and safety of patrons.

Your support of this Code amendment is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,


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