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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2005-1(S-1)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDING AMC 2.40.030 RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND
RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS.**

The Anchorage Assembly Ordains:

Section 1: That Anchorage Municipal Code Section 2.40.030 is amended as follows (other sections are not affected and therefore not set out):

2.40.030 Definition and recognition of community councils.

- A. *Community councils defined.* Community councils are nonprofit, voluntary, self-governing associations composed of residents, property owners, business owners and representatives from nonprofit associations and other entities located within geographical areas designated as districts by the A[a]ssembly. Residents, for the purpose of this chapter, are defined as homeowners, tenants, or others dwelling within the council boundaries [RESIDENTS], property owners and representatives from nonprofit associations and other entities located within geographical areas designated as districts by the assembly.
- B. *Recognition of community councils.* Upon request of one or more voluntary associations and after public notice and hearing, the A[a]ssembly may recognize by ordinance any one voluntary association as the community council for a given district. To qualify for and maintain recognition, an association must establish that it:
1. m[M]eets the definition of a community council as set forth in subsection A of this section;[.]
 2. h[H]as a policy and practice of open membership and meetings which encourages participation of persons from all segments of the community;[.]
 3. d[D]oes not charge dues, or require other financial contribution as a condition of membership or participation, in excess of \$15.00 ~~\$25.00~~ ~~[\$5.00]~~ per member per year; however, the

1 council may waive the required dues in individual instances if
2 the council determines that a hardship exists; a community
3 council [SUCH ORGANIZATION] may receive gifts, grants,
4 contributions, or in-kind donations [OF MORE THAN \$250.00
5 PER MEMBER PER YEAR] from members or others to meet
6 the cost of its operations;[.]
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8 4. i[l]s, in the opinion of the A[a]ssembly representative of the
9 residents in the district;[.]
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11 5. h[H]as held at least two meetings in the district which resulted
12 in a determination to seek recognition as a community council.
13 such meetings must have ben subsequent to public notice
14 through newspaper publication, school distribution and other
15 means adequate to inform most, if not all , district residents of
16 the meeting;[.] and
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18 6. h[H]as adopted by-laws governing the organization, operation,
19 and proceedings of the community council. These by-laws
20 shall be presented to the Assembly prior to recognition and
21 shall provide for:
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23 a) Definition of the boundaries of the community councils
24 as set forth in AMC 2.40.040 D and AMC 2.40.090.
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26 b) Definition of membership consistent with A of this
27 section.
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29 c) Regular meetings of the council at periodic intervals, at
30 least **two** four times in a calendar year, but preferably
31 once each calendar quarter.
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33 d) The election of officers and, if desired, an executive
34 committee or like body to conduct the business of the
35 council between meetings; however, any member of the
36 council may request that an action of such a body be
37 brought to a vote of the council at the next council
38 meeting. [~~all council members must have an equal voice~~
39 ~~in policy decisions.~~]
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41 e) The duties and responsibilities of officers, their removal
42 or replacement when a vacancy occurs, and criteria for
43 eligibility to hold an office with the council.
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45 f) **Minutes shall be taken at all meetings. An annual**
46 ~~report to the council members summarizing all councils~~
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business conducted in the preceding 12 months or a compilation of approved minutes.

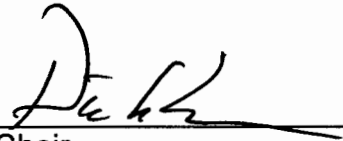
- g) The management of the council's finances including regular status reports and an annual report to the council members on the council's finances or a compilation of treasurer's reports.
- h) The dissolution of the council, and for the disposition of the council's property upon dissolution.
- i) That the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall apply in all instances, matters, and proceedings not covered by the by-laws.
- j) Procedures for amending the by-laws.
- k) Membership lists are used only for council business.

C. Girdwood is not considered a community council for purposes of this section.

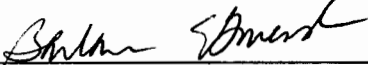
Section 2: All community councils previously established under this section shall bring their bylaws into compliance and present those bylaws to the Assembly within 120 days of passage and approval of this ordinance.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of April, 2005.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk