Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER CLAMAN,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel For reading: July 17, 2007



#### ANCHORAGE, ALASKA TO NO. 2007–94(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER IN TITLE 29, SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO FILE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

#### THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code, Title 29, Schools, is amended by enacting a new chapter to read as follows:

#### 29.30 Emergency Contact Information

### 29.30.010 Purpose of emergency contact information.

The purpose of filing emergency contact information is to ensure that the physical location and on-site contact information are immediately available to the Anchorage Police Department for all schools in the event of an emergency or threat to public safety.

#### 29.30.020 Filing requirements for all schools.

- A. All schools with physical premises for student attendance within the municipality shall file emergency contact information with the Anchorage Police Department.
  - 1. The superintendent of schools shall file emergency contact information for public, alternative, and charter schools operating under authority or funding of the Anchorage School District.
  - 2. Each private school and each religious school, as defined in AS 14.45.200, shall file emergency contact information directly with the Anchorage Police Department.
  - 3. Each alternative and each charter school operating independently of Anchorage School District funding or authority shall file emergency contact information directly with the Anchorage Police Department.

- B. Emergency contact information for each school shall include the:
  - 1. Name of the school;
  - Name of the person in charge of on-site operation;
  - Telephone number to reach the on-site operator of the school in the case of emergency;
  - 4. Physical address for locating the school;
  - 5. Postal service mailing address;
  - Electronic mail address and facsimile number, if any, used by the school; and
  - 7. The school's regular days and hours of operation.
- C. Emergency contact information shall be filed annually by October 1 of each year, and updated by the school on an as-needed basis to be current and accurate.

Section 2. Schools within the scope of this ordinance shall file emergency contact information with the Anchorage Police Department within 90 days of passage of this ordinance.

<u>Section 3.</u> This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of July 2007.

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



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## **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

#### **ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**

**NO.** AM 414-2007(A)

Meeting Date: July 17, 2007

From: Assembly Member Claman on behalf of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: AO 2007-94(S) — AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER IN TITLE 29, SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO FILE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE ANCHORAGE

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Anchorage Police Department contacted the Public Safety Committee because of concerns that lack of information limited their ability to contact schools and child care facilities in an area where an emergency situation is developing. In order to better fulfill their public safety duties when an emergency situation is developing in an area of Anchorage, the police department may need to contact schools and child care facilities in that area to advise those schools and child care facilities of the developing emergency.

After consultation with the State, the Municipality Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Anchorage Police Department, we determined that DHHS can and will provide necessary information regarding child care facilities falling within the scope of AMC 16.55 to the Anchorage Police Department without Assembly action. Accordingly, this ordinance requires all schools to provide information to the Anchorage Police Department.

Currently, there is no formal process in place to ensure that the Anchorage Police Department has emergency contact information for schools operated within the Municipality of Anchorage. By informal process only, the Anchorage Police Department receives emergency contact information from the Anchorage School District.

Religious and private schools are governed by Alaska Statute AS 14.45.030–14.45.200, but there is currently no state mandate to assist the Municipality with this important health and safety measure.

AO 2007–94(S) provides a formal mechanism to assist the Anchorage Police Department. With the information provided to APD by the schools and the information provided to APD by DHHS, dispatch will be able to contact schools and child care facilities falling within the scope of AMC 16.55 in an emergency.

Maintaining current and accurate emergency contact information for all licensed child care facilities, and for every public, private, or religious school with physical premises for student attendance, is a health and safety priority for the Anchorage Police Department and is endorsed by the Public Safety Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Matt Claman Assembly Member, Section 3

# Municipality of Anchorage MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

#### **Agenda Document Control Sheet**

A0 2007-94(S)(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION) DATE PREPARED SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER IN AMC TITLE 29, SCHOOLS 7/2/07 TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND Indicate Documents Attached RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO FILE EMERGENCY CONTACT X AO AR X AM AIM INFORMATION WITH APD DIRECTOR'S NAME DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly Dan Coffey, Assembly Chair HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Julia Tucker, Assembly Counsel 3 343-4419 4 **INITIALS** DATE COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY Mayor Municipal Clerk **Municipal Attorney Employee Relations** Municipal Manager Anchorage Parks & Recreation Fire Health & Human Services Merrill Field Airport Municipal Light & Power Office of Management and Budget Police Port of Anchorage Office of Economic & Community Development Solid Waste Services Public Transportation Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility **Executive Manager** Planning Department Chief Fiscal Officer Heritage Land Bank Information Technology Department Project Management & Engineering Purchasing Other **Special Instructions/Comments** NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 7 6 7/17/07 7/17/07