Submitted by:

Chair of the Assembly at the

request of the Assembly Chair Coffey

Prepared by:

Planning Department

For reading

October 9, 2007

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#### ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO 2007- 139

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 21.40, AND 21.50 REGARDING CORRECTIONAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTERS. AMENDING THE B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) ZONING DISTRICT, AND AMENDING CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS REGARDING CORRECTIONAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTERS. (Planning and Zoning Commission Case 2007-094)

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### THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.40.180 is hereby amended to read as follows Section 1. (the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore is not set out):

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#### 21.40.180 **B-3** general business district.

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Conditional uses. Subject to the requirements of the conditional use standards and D. procedures of this title, the following uses may be permitted:

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Correctional community residential centers, not to exceed 30 residents. 11.

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Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.45.080 is herby amended to read as follows (the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore is not set out):

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#### Standards for correctional community residential centers. 21.50.035

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CORRECTIONAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTERS IN THE B-1B, B-[B. 42 3 AND B-4 ZONING DISTRICTS MAY HOUSE ONLY RESIDENTS

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### MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PLANNING DEPARTMENT **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

July 9, 2007

TO:

Planning and Zoning Commission

THRU:

Wom Nelson, Director, Planning Department

THRU:

Jerry T. Weaver, Jr., Division Administrator

FROM: Angela C. Chambers, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

2007-094 An Ordinance Amending AMC Title 21 Regarding

Community Correctional Residential Centers

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 1995, the Municipal Assembly approved an ordinance regarding community correctional residential centers, commonly referred to as CCRC's. At the time, there was concern relating to felons being housed in and near residential neighborhoods.

The use category as codified regulates the number of CCRC's locating in the Downtown area by not allowing any new CCRC's there, and to create a method to ensure that the facilities were spread throughout the Municipality instead of centering them in only certain neighborhoods by requiring a separation distance of one mile between said facilities. All CCRC's are allowed by conditional use only, and are only allowed in the commercial, industrial and public lands and institutions zoning districts.

This ordinance process began in 1992, and there were subsequent 1998 amendments clarifying the definitions of prisoner when clarified that persons convicted of a crime who are on parole or probation, are considered "prisoners" under the code. It also kept the status quo on number of available beds to felons by retaining the prohibition on felons being allowed in CCRC's located in the B-3 district.

Since that time, it has become apparent that these facilities are, for the most part, not so-called half-way houses, but instead are rehabilitative facilities that serve as an alternative to jail for those clients who qualify for the program. These programs are highly structured and have strict security. Examples are the Dena A. Coy facility off of DeBarr and Bragaw Streets and the Ernie Turner

facility on Bragaw Street and Tudor Road. These facilities are generally very clean, quiet and have reputations as being "good neighbors." They require a conditional use approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the programs are regulated and licensed by the State of Alaska.

There has been significant discussion in the past several years regarding the issue of locational criteria for these facilities. They require closer proximity to urban services such as hospitals, rehabilitation programs and social services. However, the current one-mile separation requirements, especially coupled with the prohibition on housing felons in the B-3 district, creates significant problems in locating new facilities in Anchorage. Instead of being able to locate the facilities in the higher density urban areas, it restricts them now to areas well away from said services.

In reviewing the issues related to the use itself, and to the concern of separation distance, it has been determined that the real concern is the density of residents of the facilities in general, as opposed to the numbers of facilities themselves. There are no other land uses which require a separation distance between from the same use. Instead, residential uses are managed through density, and those residential uses with a program associated are further regulated through programmatic requirements and any buffering as determined by the Commission on a case-by-case basis.

The Department recommends that the separation distance between CCRC's be amended to either 1,000 feet, or as determined appropriate by the Commission on an individual application basis. At the same time, a maximum density requirement for the facility should be also set in the B-3 district at a density to not exceed 30 residents, as this is the primary use district CCRC's are allowed in which allow for a significant residential component. Also, as convicted felons who are on probation or without parole restrictions can live anywhere of their choosing, they should not be further restricted when a part of a rehabilitation program.

The Department finds that this amendment will provide for the siting of CCRC facilities on a case-by-case basis as appropriate, while maintaining intended restrictions on density. No changes to the restrictions against new facilities in the Downtown area are proposed.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval of the ordinance as written.

2007-094 Reconsideration: Ordinance Amendment

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#### Section 2.

21.50.035 Standards for correctional community residential centers.

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B[C]. No new correctional community residential center may be located within one thousand feet [ONE MILE] of the lot line of an existing center or a school or park, unless the Planning and Zoning Commission determines that a further reduction in separation distance is warranted based upon the program proposed and any other circumstances the Commission deems appropriate. If the Commission reduces the separation distance, it shall adopt findings of the facts upon which such reduction is based. Measurement shall be made from the nearest property line of an existing center to the property line of the site proposed for a new center.

Pierce, Eileen A

Land Use Review

From:

Sent: To:

Inglis, Jillanne M. Monday, June 11, 2007 5:00 PM Stewart, Gloria I.; Pierce, Elleen A

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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

No comment for cases 2007-094)096 or 098.

Thanks, Jillanne

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## Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 11, 2007

TO:

Jerry Weaver, Zoning Division Administrator, Planning Department

FROM:

Paul Hatcher, Engineering Technician III, AWWU

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Case Comments** 

Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing July 9, 2007

Agency Comments due June 11, 2007

AWWU has reviewed the materials and has the following comments.

07-094

Title 21.40 & 21.50, Community correctional residential centers.

1. AWWU has no objection to the proposed ordinance amendment.

If you have any questions pertinent to public water and sanitary sewer, you may call me at 564-2721 or the AWWU planning section at 564-2739, or e-mail paul hatcher@awwu.biz.



## **FLOOD HAZARD REVIEW SHEET**

JUN 1 1 2007

Municipality of Anchorage Zonino Division

Date	e: 06/07/07
Case	e 2007-094
Floo	d Hazard Zone: NA
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	Portions of this lot are located in the floodplain as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
	Flood Hazard requests that the following be added as a condition of approval:
	"Portions of this subdivision are situated within the flood hazard district as it exists on the date hereof. The boundaries of the flood hazard district may be altered from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.60.020 (Anchorage Municipal Code). All construction activities and any land use within the flood hazard district shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 21.60 (Anchorage Municipal Code)."
	A Flood Hazard permit is required for any construction in the floodplain.
	Other:
$\boxtimes$	I have no comments on this case.
Revi	iewer: Jeffrey Urbanus



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Development Services Department Right of Way Division



## **MEMORANDUM**

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DATE:

June 6, 2007

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TO:

Planning Department, Zoning and Platting Division

Municipality of Anchorage **Zoning Division** 

THRU:

Jack L. Frost, Jr., Right of Way Supervisor L

FROM:

Lynn McGee, Senior Plan Reviewer

SUBJ:

Comments on Planning and Zoning Commission case(s) for July 9, 2007.

Right of Way has reviewed the following case(s) due June 11, 2007.

07 - 087

Sec 33, T13N R3W Lots 49A, 49B, 49C, and 52, grid 1834

(Rezoning Request, R-2A to R-3)

There is no existing cul de sac at the east end of East 49th Court. No storm drain system exists in East 49th Court right of way.

Laurel Street to the east of Lot 52 has no utilities or storm drain system in the right of way, and nor is the road built, making access to a high density development inadequate. Infrastructure, public access improvements and possibly dedication of right of way or Public Use Easement(s) will be required to access and develop these lots.

Review time 30 minutes.

07-093

Sec 25 T15N R2W, NW 1/4, excluding Lots 69, 70, & 71, grid NW0752

(Conditional Use for Natural Resource Extraction) Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.

Review time 15 minutes.

07-094

Ordinance Amendment

(Title 21 for Community Correctional Residential Center)

Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.

Review time 15 minutes.

07-096

Ordinance Amendment

(Title 21 for Girdwood Zoning District GIP)

Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.

Review time 15 minutes.

07-098

Woodside East #3, Lot 127, grid 1533

(Amending a Conditional Use for an Amendment to a PUD)

Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.

Review time 15 minutes.



## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Traffic Department



## **MEMORANDUM**

JUN 0 7 2007

DATE:

June 6, 2007

Municipality of Anchorage
Zoning Division

TO:

Jerry T. Weaver, Platting Supervisor, Planning Department

THRU:

Leland R. Coop, Associate Traffic Engineer

FROM:

Mada Angell, Assistant Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT:

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning Comments for

July 9, 2007 Planning and Zoning Commission

07-087

Sec 33 Lots 49C, 49B, 49A & 52; Rezone R-2A to R-3; Grid 1834

No direct vehicular access will be allowed to Lake Otis Parkway from These lots.

07-093

Portions of Sec 25; Conditional Use for a natural resource

extraction; Grid NW752

Haul route to conform to Title 9 requirements. See 9.46.410.

07-94

Ordinance amending Title 21 for correcional residential centers

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning have no comment.

07-096

Ordinance amending Title 21 for Girdwood Zoning District

Girdwood Institutions and Parks (GIP)

Traffic Safety and Transportation Planning have no comment.

07-098

Woodside East; minor amendment to a PUD to allow a front yard

encroachment Grid 2365

Traffic Safety and Transportation Planning have no comment.

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### **Municipality of Anchorage Development Services Department Building Safety Division**



#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

May 29, 2007

TO:

Jerry Weaver, Jr., Platting Officer, CPD

Daniel Roth, Program Manager, On-Site Water and Wastewater Program FROM:

SUBJECT:

Comments on Cases due June 11, 2007

The On-Site Water & Wastewater Program has reviewed the following cases and has these comments:

2007 - 087

Rezoning to R-3 Multiple-family residential district

No objection

2007 - 093

Zoning conditional use for a natural resource extraction

No objection

2007 - 094

An ordinance amending Title 21 for community correctional residential center

No objection

2007 - 096

An ordinance amending Title 21 for Girdwood Zoning District GIP

No objection

2007 - 098

Amending a conditional use for an amendment to a PUD

No objection

### Pierce, Eileen A

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From:

Staff, Alton R.

Sent: To: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:55 PM Stewart, Gloria I.; Pierce, Eileen A

Subject:

Zoning and Plat Reviews

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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

S11596-1

People Mover has an eastbound on-street bus stop on 36th Avenue adjacent to proposed Tract A-2. Any development of this parcel should take into consideration pedestrian access to this bus stop.

The Public Transportation Department has no comment on the following zoning cases:

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The Public Transportation Department on no comment on the following plats:

S11582-1

S11592-1

S11597-1

Alton R. Staff Planning Manager Public Transportation Department 3650A East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99507 907-343-8230

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#### Public Comments

5/21/07

Rod McCoy

7749 Old Harbor Road

Anchorage AK 99504

This needs a staff report to aid understanding of this change in title 21.

Zoning & Platting Cases On-line website

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING July 9, 2007

# Supplemental Information

G.2. Case 2007-094
Ordinance Regarding Community
Correctional Residential Centers

Pierce, Eileen A

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From:

Peggy Robinson [probinson@ak.net]

Municipality of Anchorage

Sent:

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 4:31 PM

Zoning Division

To:

Pierce, Eileen A; Mayor Mark Begich; Selkregg, Sheila A.; Starr, William E.; Bill Starr

Personal; Ossiander, Debbie A.; Bauer, Paul A.

Subject:

Case 2007-094 - Title 21 Proposed Changes

Attachments: NECC June 21 Res 2 Half-way.pdf

Dear Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning Department, Mayor Begich, Assembly Members Bauer, Ossiander, Selkregg, and Starr:

Attached is the resolution the NorthEast Community Council passed at our meeting last Thursday regarding changing the criteria for locating half-way houses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

#### Peggy

Peggy Robinson, NECC President 907-333-1831 home, 907-632-6436 cell 1816 Westview Circle, Anchorage, AK 99504

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## **NECC**

Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

Northeast Community Council

Resolution 2 - June 21, 2007

TO:

Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission

MOA Planning Department

Mayor Mark Begich

Assembly Members Bauer, Ossiander, Selkregg, Starr

FROM:

Peggy Robinson, President

Northeast Community Council, 333-1831

SUBJECT:

Case 2007-094

Title 21.40.180 & 21.50.035 proposed changes

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We understand that appropriate and supervised integration back into society is important for successful rehabilitation of criminals. This is a balancing act between the quality of life in the community location and the needs of the correctional community for additional residential facilities.

The following motion was made:

#### NECC June 21, 2007 Motion 2:

The NorthEast Community Council supports the recommended change in this section for facilities to not exceed 30 residents. We support allowing up to 10% of the capacity of the facility to house felons (except sex offenders). We support decreasing the distance between such facilities to ½ mile, property line to property line.

After further discussion among the membership, the motion passed: 21 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 abstaining.

We ask that you act upon this motion as warranted in the interests of the NECC and the community of Anchorage as a whole. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed:

Peggy Robinson



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Municipality of Anchorage Zonino Division

NECC

Northeast Community Council

Resolution 2 - June 21, 2007

TO:

Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission

FAX:343-7927

**MOA Planning Department** 

Mayor Mark Begich

Assembly Members Bauer, Ossiander, Selkregg, Starr

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Signed:

Reggy Robinson

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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

Case Num: 2007-094

An ordinance amending Title 21 for community correctional residential center

Location: An Ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 21.40, and 21.50 regarding Correctional Community Residential Centers, amending the B-3 (General Business) zoning district, and amending conditional use standards regarding Correctional Community Residential Centers.

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#### **Public Comments**

#### 6/28/07

Barbara Cash

Anchorage AK 99517

I support this proposed amendment which would allow Correctional Community Residential Centers in B-3 zones, and would amend conditional use standards regarding Correctional Community Residential Centers. The positive correctional & behavioral outcomes that can be achieved through community residential centers (with this amendment) will have lasting impact, without being detrimental to the business district.

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# Anchorage Police Department Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet

4501 South Bragaw Street - Anchorage, Alaska 99507-1599 Telephone (907) 786-8500

DATE:

TO:

6/29/07 Planning i Zoning

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FROM:

Chief Rob Heun

PHONE:

786-8590 FAX: 786-8638

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Mayor Mark Begich

## Anchorage Police Department

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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission PO Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska, 99519-6650

Dear Commissioners:

July 2, 2007

I wanted to notify the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Anchorage Police Department (APD) has reviewed the proposed ordinance changes to correctional community residential centers in Title 21 contained in 2007-094.

We understand that correctional community residential centers would be allowed in a B3 general business district as a conditional use, that the type of residents eligible for placement would be expanded to include felons that were not a danger to the community and that the one-mile distance requirements between these type of centers would be reduced to 1000 feet.

APD has no objection to these changes.

Roly Heum Chief of Police



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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

121 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 240\*Anchorage, AK 99503\*Ph 907-278-1122\*Fax 907-278-1121

# **FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

TO:	Anchorage Planning + Zoning Comma	
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PHONE:		
FAX:	343.7927	
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	Alaska Native Justice Center	
	Phone 907/278-1122 Fax 907/278-1121	
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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission PO Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska, 99519-6650

Reference Case: 2007-094

Dear Mr. Chairman:

ANJC, a non-profit organization based in Anchorage, was founded in 1993 to serve the unmet needs of Alaska Natives within Alaska's civil and criminal justice system.

By providing information, resources, attorney referrals and support to all parties involved in legal issues, we strive to achieve our mission - to promote justice through culturally based advocacy, prevention and intervention initiatives to restore dignity, respect and humanity to all Alaska Natives.

Since our inception, we have served more than 7,500 clients with issues such as bankruptcy, criminal cases, homicide, child support, landlord/tenant disputes, Alaska Native law, power of attorney, probate cases, consumer, civil, family and Indian Child Welfare Act.

One area that we have on-going concerns with is the availability of community correctional placement space in the Municipality of Anchorage. We are pleased that the Municipal Planning Department has recommended that the separation distance between these types of facilities be amended to 1,000 feet, or less, if deemed appropriate by the Commission on an individual basis. We also support amending the law to allow the placement of felons judged not to be a danger to the community into these programs. We believe that these amendments will ultimately provide a better selection of programs for the courts and corrections to consider using in the reformation of offenders.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely.

Denise R. Morris President/CEO



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Municipality of Anchorage Zoning Division

Date:

July 2, 2007

To:

Planning and Zoning Commission

From:

University Area Community Council

Subject:

Case #2007-094 - An Ordinance Amending AMC Title 21

Regarding Community Correctional Residential Centers

The Board of the University Area Community Council (UACC) requests postponement of the hearing on the above amendment in light of the issues listed below.

The Board of UACC met concerning this amendment to AMC 21 and we have a number of concerns with the changes to Title 21 in regards Community Correctional Residential Centers (CCRCs). Our response to the amendment follows:

- 1. We agree with the restriction to 30 residents per CCRC.
- 2. We are concerned about the removal of the wording from Title 21.50.035 that restricts residents to misdemeanants. The UACC's concern is that some CCRCs are located in property zoned in B1-B, B-2, B-3 and B-4, but are adjacent to areas zoned residential. We would like to see wording that restricts CCRCs with felons to areas zoned B1-B, B-2, B-3 and B-4 AND NOT adjacent to residential property. If the restriction against felons residing in CCRCs is lifted we would like the following added to the ordinance: "Felons still serving a sentence (not on probation or parole) may only be housed in a secure CCRC a minimum of 1/4 mile from any residential setting." In addition we would like to restrict CCRC residents to non-violent offenders.
- 3. After reading the staff report we understand the reasoning behind decreasing the distance between CCRCs, but would like to see wording that discourages clustering of CCRCs in one section of town. We would also like to see that when planning where new CCRCs will be located community councils are notified and included in the planning process. In addition, we question why the CCRCs need to be near a hospital.

This clusters CCRCs in two areas of town and disproportionally affects surrounding residential areas.

In summary, we would like to see the Municipality address the issue of reintegration of incarcerated people into society in a manner that creates a safe place for them and also for the residents of the community in which CCRCs are placed. We believe this is an issue that needs to be addressed in a more public way than this ordinance change. In light of these questions we request that this hearing be postponed until these issues can be resolved.

There needs to be a definition for CCRCs and an explanation of why these changes are requested.

For example, Kenai uses the following criteria when deciding where CCRCs are located:

- 1. 1/2 mile from schools, senior facilities, daycare centers
- 2. proximity to licensed alcohol businesses
- 3. transportation & public services
- 4. accessibility to jobs and medical services, counseling

# Municipality of Anchorage MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

## **Agenda Document Control Sheet**

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(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION) DATE PREPARED SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT amending AMC Chapters 21.40 and 21.50 regarding 10/4/07 Correctional Community Residential Centers, Indicate Documents Attached amending the B-3 Zoning District and ... X AO 🔲 AR 🗌 AM ☐ AIM DIRECTOR'S NAME DEPARTMENT NAME Dan Coffey, Assembly Chair Assembly HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY 3 **INITIALS** DATE 4 COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY Mayor Municipal Clerk **Municipal Attorney Employee Relations** Municipal Manager Cultural & Recreational Services Health & Human Services Merrill Field Airport Municipal Light & Power Office of Management and Budget Police Port of Anchorage Public Works Solid Waste Services Transit Water & Wastewater Utility Ġ Executive Manager Community Planning & Development Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer Heritage Land Bank Management Information Services Property & Facility Management Purchasing Other Special Instructions/Comments Addendum - Consent Agenda-Introduction PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 10/9/07 11/27/07