

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBERS JOHNSTON,  
SELKREGG, COFFEY, GUTIERREZ  
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel  
For reading: February 24, 2009

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 7-7-09

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO NO. 2009-28

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING  
2 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.90.060 TO INCLUDE AREAS WITH  
3 SIGNIFICANT RISK EXPOSURE TO WILDFIRE, HIGH WINDS, OR OTHER NATURAL  
4 DISASTER IN THE TARGET AREAS AND FACTORS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF AN  
5 ELECTRIC UTILITY'S FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PLACING EXISTING OVERHEAD  
6 LINES UNDERGROUND.  
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9 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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11 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.90.060 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows (*language indicating no amendment is included for context only*):  
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14 **21.90.060 Nonconforming overhead lines--Designation of target areas.**  
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16 A. An electric utility that owns poles that support nonconforming utility  
17 distribution lines shall prepare or otherwise include as part of its annual capital  
18 improvement plan, a five-year undergrounding program consistent with Section  
19 21.90.070. This five-year program shall be updated on an annual basis. Priorities  
20 shall be based on undergrounding in conjunction with the electric utility's essential  
21 system improvements and then by target area as set forth below in no particular  
22 order. The director of the planning department shall provide review and comment  
23 for consideration by the electric utilities on these five-year programs. When  
24 reviewing and commenting on these programs the director shall consider the  
25 following factors in no particular order:  
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28 9. Whether undergrounding will avoid or eliminate overhead electric  
29 distribution or other attached utility facilities in a residential area with  
30 significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster.  
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33 B. The director of the planning department shall confirm annually that the  
34 electric utilities have developed project undergrounding implementation plans. The  
35 director shall consult with the utilities and public agencies affected by any  
36 implementation plan. In reviewing implementation plans, the director shall consider  
37 the factors stated in subsection A of this section.  
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39 C. The following shall be the target areas:  
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5. All park, recreational use and scenic interest areas.
6. Eagle River Central Business District between and including the New Glenn Highway, North Eagle River Access Road, Aurora Street as extended to the Old Glenn Highway and the Old Glenn Highway.
7. Any area where utility distribution facilities are provided by more than one utility as a result of mergers and boundary changes approved by the state public utilities commission.
8. School and university areas.
9. Any residential area with significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster.

(AO No. 155-76; AO No. 156-76; AO No. 82-49; AO No. 84-62; AO No. 86-17; AO No. 2005-2, § 2, 5-30-05)

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

Debbie Ostander  
Chair

ATTEST:

Brian S. Jensen  
Municipal Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

AO Number: 2009-28

Title: An ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.90.060 to include areas with significant risk exposure to wildfires, high winds, or other natural disasters in the target areas and factors considered in review of an electric utility's five-year program for placing overhead lines underground.

Sponsor:

Preparing Agency: Planning Department

Others Impacted:

<b>CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:</b>		<b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
	<b>FY09</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>CAPITAL:</b>					
<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp</b>					

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

Approval of this ordinance should have no significant impact on the public sector.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

Approval of this ordinance should have no significant impacts on the private sector.

Prepared by: Jerry T. Weaver Jr.

Telephone: 343-7939



## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 316-2009

Meeting Date: June 9, 2009

From: Acting Mayor

Subject: An Ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.90.060 to include areas with significant risk exposure to wildfires, high winds, or other natural disasters in the target areas, and factors considered in review of an electric utility's five-year program for placing overhead lines underground.

1 Under AMC 21.90, electric utilities must remove poles and place those lines  
2 underground using two percent of revenue derived from utility service  
3 connections within the Municipality. The emphasis of the requirements  
4 focuses on requiring electric utilities to develop a five-year plan designating  
5 target areas for the underground placement of nonconforming utility lines.

6 These target areas currently center on major traffic corridors throughout the  
7 Anchorage Bowl as well as roadways within the Anchorage Bowl and Eagle  
8 River Central Business Districts and the Midtown area, and include school  
9 areas, park, recreational and scenic use areas.

10 Assembly members propose adding areas of high natural disaster risk  
11 exposure to the factors considered in developing the five-year programs, and  
12 to the target areas for undergrounding. The proposed wording specifically  
13 targets areas of significant risk exposure to wildfires, high winds, or other  
14 natural disasters.

15 There was no opposition to the ordinance at the public hearing. The Planning  
16 and Zoning Commission supports this ordinance and recommended adding  
17 clarification language as follows:

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19 Amend Section 1, item A.9 to read:

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21 9. Whether undergrounding will ~~avoid or eliminate overhead~~  
22 **reduce the risk of damage to** electric distribution or other  
23 attached utility facilities in a residential area with significant risk  
24 exposure to wildfires, high winds, or other natural disaster.  
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Amend Section 2, item C.9 to read:

9. Any residential area with significant risk exposure of damage to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disasters.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE.

Prepared by:	Jerry T. Weaver Jr., Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
Concur:	Tom Nelson, Director, Planning Department
Concur:	Mary Jane Michael, Executive Director, Office of Economic and Community Development
Concur:	James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney
Concur:	Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted,	Matt Claman, Acting Mayor

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2009-025**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMC TITLE 21 TO INCLUDE AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT RISK EXPOSURE TO WILDFIRE, HIGH WINDS, OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTER IN THE TARGET AREAS AND FACTORS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY'S FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PLACING EXISTING OVERHEAD LINES UNDERGROUND.

(Case 2009-051)

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WHEREAS, the Municipal Assembly has submitted a draft ordinance amending AMC Title 21 to include areas with significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster in the target areas and factors considered in review of an electric utility's five-year program for placing existing overhead lines underground, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 4, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Commission recommended the following changes to the ordinance to make it clearer: reword A.9 to delete "avoid or eliminate overhead" and insert "reduce the risk of damage to" and amending C.9 to delete "exposure" and insert "of damage to above ground electric distribution or utilities due."
2. The Commission finds that when the changes were made to this original ordinance several years ago, few people came to speak on it and those were residents of the Hillside. The Commission finds that there is nothing in the other eight items that would ever lead to under grounding on the Hillside, but those residents still gave their support to it. Even without this ordinance change about half a mile on Upper Huffman was under grounded without this because of high winds.

B. The Commission recommends to the Anchorage Assembly approval of the draft ordinance, with the following amendments"

1. Amend A.9 to delete "avoid or eliminate overhead" and insert "reduce the risk of damage to."

2. Amend C.9 to delete "exposure" and insert "of damage to above ground electric distribution or utilities due."

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Tom Nelson  
Secretary

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Toni M. Jones  
Chair

(Case 2009-051)

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AYE: Wang, Weddleton, Isham, Jones, Yoshimura, Fredrick  
NAY: Phelps

PASSED

4.     **2009-051**           Municipality of Anchorage. An Ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly Amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.90.060 to include Areas with Significant Risk Exposure to Wildfire, High Winds, or other Natural Disaster in the Target Areas and Factors Considered in Review of an Electric Utility's Five-Year Program for Placing Existing Overhead Lines Underground.

Staff member AL BARRETT stated this ordinance was originally initiated by Assemblymember Johnston. It is a relatively minor item. It was advertised municipal-wide. Some negative comments were received from the general public. In reading through those comments, he was uncertain whether people understood the changes. Under 21.90.060, items will be added to issues that the Planning Department Director can consider in making review and recommendation to an electric utility whether or not distribution lines should be under grounded. This change adds A.9 "Whether under grounding will avoid or eliminate overhead electric distribution or other attached utility facilities in a residential area with significant risk exposure to wildlife, high winds, or other natural disaster." There is also an additional C.9 "Any residential area with significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster" as a target area.

COMMISSIONER WEDDLETON asked if negative comments had to do with the impression that there is an increased easement width required for under grounding. He asked if a wider easement is needed for under grounding utilities. MR. BARRETT stated that is not a requirement of this ordinance. This ordinance is authorization to make an argument to the utility that because an area is a high hazard area, the lines should go under ground.

The public hearing was opened and closed without public comment.

COMMISSIONER FREDRICK moved to approve an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.90.060 to include Areas with



Significant Risk Exposure to Wildfire, High Winds, or other Natural Disaster in the Target Areas and Factors Considered in Review of an Electric Utility's Five-Year Program for Placing Existing Overhead Lines Underground.  
COMMISSIONER WANG seconded.

COMMISSIONER WANG suggested redrafting of the ordinance to make it clearer: reword A.9 to delete "avoid or eliminate overhead" and insert "reduce the risk of damage to." *This was accepted as a friendly amendment.*

COMMISSIONER PHELPS felt it was dangerous to make changes to this ordinance without seeing the remaining eight items.

COMMISSIONER WANG suggested amending C.9 to delete "exposure" and insert "of damage to above ground electric distribution or utilities due." *This was accepted as a friendly amendment.*

COMMISSIONER WEDDLETON stated he was involved when the changes were made to this ordinance several years ago and only four people came to speak on it and those were residents of the Hillside. There is nothing in the other eight items that would ever lead to under grounding on the Hillside, but those residents still gave their support to it. Even without this ordinance change about half a mile on Upper Huffman was under grounded without this because of high winds.

AYE: Phelps, Wang, Weddleton, Isham, Jones, Yoshimura, Fredrick  
NAY: None

PASSED

- I.     **REPORTS** – None
- J.     **APPEARANCE REQUESTS** – None
- L.     **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – None
- M.     **ADJOURNMENT**

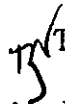
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM


**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**


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**DATE:** May 4, 2009

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission

**THRU:**  Tom Nelson, Director, Planning Department

**THRU:**  Jerry T. Weaver, Jr., Division Administrator

**FROM:**  Angela C. Chambers, AICP, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** 2009-051 - An Ordinance Amending AMC Title 21 To Include Areas with Significant Risk Exposure to Wildfire, High winds, or Other Natural Disaster in the Target Areas and Factors Considered in Review of an Electric Utility's Five-Year Program for Placing Existing Overhead Lines Underground.

**PROPOSED REQUEST:**

The Municipal Assembly Counsel, on behalf of three Assembly members, has prepared an amendment to the Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 *Land Use Planning* regarding target areas for the undergrounding of existing overhead lines (AMC 21.90.060).

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

Under AMC 21.90, electric utilities must remove poles and place those lines underground using two percent of revenue derived from utility service connections within the municipality. The emphasis of the requirements for undergrounding nonconforming overhead electric lines focuses on requiring electric utilities to develop a five-year plan designating target areas for the underground placement of nonconforming utility lines. These target areas currently center on major traffic corridors throughout the Anchorage Bowl as well as roadways within the Anchorage Bowl and Eagle River Central Business Districts and the Midtown area, and include school areas, park, recreational and scenic use areas.

The code leaves decisions regarding the location of utility undergrounding to the discretion of the electric utilities, but provides factors for target area designations. The Planning Department is tasked with reviewing and commenting on these plans for consideration by the utilities.

Assembly members propose adding areas of high natural disaster risk exposure to the factors considered in developing the five year programs, and to the target areas for undergrounding. The proposed wording specifically targets areas of significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends approval of the ordinance as written.

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBERS JOHNSTON,  
SELKREGG, COFFEY, GUTIERREZ  
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel  
For reading: February 24, 2009

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO NO. 2009-28

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THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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9. Whether undergrounding will avoid or eliminate overhead electric distribution or other attached utility facilities in a residential area with significant risk exposure to wildfire, high winds, or other natural disaster.

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C. The following shall be the target areas:

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5. All park, recreational use and scenic interest areas.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

**Municipality Of Anchorage  
ANCHORAGE WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITY**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

*Municipality of Anchorage  
Zoning Division*

**DATE:** March 23, 2009

**TO:** Jerry Weaver, Zoning Division Administrator, Planning Department

**FROM:** Paul Hatcher, Engineering Technician III, AWWU *PH*

**SUBJECT:** **Zoning Case Comments**  
Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing May 4, 2009  
Agency Comments due April 6, 2009

AWWU has reviewed the materials and has the following comments.

**08-096-2 T13N R3W SEC 13 PARCELS 2, 3, 4 & 5, Site plan review for a large retail development, Grid SW1340**

1. AWWU water main located in Debarr Road currently serves this proposed parcel.
2. AWWU sanitary sewer main located in Creekside Road and E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue currently serves this proposed parcel.
3. AWWU has no objection to this site plan review.

**09-050 DOWNTOWN EAGLE RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT, An ordinance amending Title 21 for establishing the Downtown Eagle River Overlay District, Grid NW0151, 0152, 0251, 0252**

1. AWWU water and sanitary sewer are currently available to this district.
2. AWWU has no objection to this ordinance amendment.

**09-051 TITLE 21, An ordinance amending Title 21 for utilities under AMC 21.90**

1. AWWU has no objection to this ordinance amendment.

**09-058 E 72<sup>nd</sup> UPGRADE FROM BRAYTON DRIVE TO LAKE OTIS PARKWAY, Site plan review for a public roadway, Grid SW2132, 2133**

1. AWWU water main currently runs from Meadow Street east to Basel Street on the northern portion of E 72<sup>nd</sup>.
2. AWWU sanitary sewer main currently runs from Lake Otis Parkway west of Burlwood Drive on the southern portion of E. 72<sup>nd</sup>.
3. AWWU requests that locates be performed prior to any construction so that clearances may be maintained
4. AWWU Planning Department requests to be involved in the upcoming design review and any construction projects that pertain to this project.
5. AWWU has no objection to this Site plan review.



## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Development Services Department  
Right of Way Division  
Phone: (907) 343-8240 Fax: (907) 343-8250



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**DATE:** April 6, 2009 APR 06 2009  
**TO:** Planning Department, Zoning and Platting Division Municipality of Anchorage  
Zoning Division  
**THRU:** Jack L. Frost, Jr., Right of Way Supervisor  
**FROM:** Lynn McGee, Senior Plan Reviewer  
**SUBJ:** Comments on Planning and Zoning Commission case(s) for May 4, 2009.

Right of Way Division has reviewed the following case(s) due April 6, 2009.

**08-096-2 Section 13, T13N R3W, Parcels 2, 3, 4, & 5, grid 1340**  
**(Site Plan Review, Large Retail/Commercial Establishment)**  
Right of Way Division has no additional comments at this time.  
Review time 15 minutes.

**09-050 Ordinance Amendment**  
**(Title 21 for Establishing the Downtown Eagle River Overlay District)**  
Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.  
Review time 15 minutes.

**09-051 Ordinance Amendment**  
**(Title 21 for Utilities Under 21.90)**  
Right of Way Division has no comments at this time.  
Review time 15 minutes.

**09-058 East 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, grids 2132 & 2133**  
**(Site Plan Review, Public Roadway)**  
All the private improvements such as existing fences, retaining walls, basketball hoops, rock gardens, etc, need to be relocated to inside the parcel boundaries.  
The full lot width driveways for the multi family lots do not allow any room for snow storage. Resolve the allowed driveway widths with the Traffic Department. Additional Right of Way Division comments to be provided in the design review process.  
Review time 15 minutes.

**09-059 East 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, grids 2334**  
**(Site Plan Review, Public Roadway)**  
All the private improvements such as existing fences, retaining walls, basketball hoops, rock gardens, etc, need to be relocated to inside the parcel boundaries. Additional Right of Way Division comments to be provided in the design review process.  
Review time 15 minutes.



## FLOOD HAZARD REVIEW SHEET

Date: 04/06/09

Case: 2009-51

Flood Hazard Zone: NA

Map Number: NA

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City of Anchorage  
Public Works & Engineering

☐ 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:

☒ I have no comments on this case.

Reviewer: Jeffrey Urbanus





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

**MEMORANDUM**



**DATE:** March 30, 2009  
**TO:** Jerry Weaver, Jr., Platting Officer, CPD  
**FROM:** Daniel Roth, Program Manager, On-Site Water and Wastewater Program  
**SUBJECT:** Comments on Cases due April 6, 2009

MAR 30 2009

Municipality of Anchorage  
Building Safety Division

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

2009 – 050 An ordinance amending Title 21 for establishing the Downtown Eagle River Overlay District.

No objection

2009 – 051 An ordinance amending Title 21 for utilities under AMC 21.90.

No objection

2009 – 058 Site plan review for a public roadway.

No objection

2009 – 059 Site plan review for a public roadway.

No objection



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
Traffic Department



**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 27, 2009

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  
May 4, 2009 Planning & Zoning Commission

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Municipality of Anchorage  
Zoning Division

**08-096-2 Wal-Mart/Sam's Club at Creekside and Debarr; Site Plan Review for  
a large commercial development**

- Raised end caps are required at the end of all parking aisles. These raised end caps are critical to keep parked vehicles out of the travel aisles within the parking lots. Painted strips will not keep parked vehicles out of the travel aisles.
- Install One-Way-Do-Not-Enter traffic control signage on the north end of the one-way-north-bound vehicle aisle at the Sam's Club Tire & Battery area.

**09-050 Ordinance Amending Title 21; Downtown Eagle River Overlay  
District**

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning have no comments.

**09-051 Ordinance Amending Title 21; utilities AMC 21.90**

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning have no comments.

**09-058 Seventy Second Avenue between Brayton Drive and Lake Otis  
Parkway; Site Plan Review for a public roadway**

Traffic Engineering will comment on roadway design in the Project Management and Engineering review process.

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

CENTRAL REGION - PLANNING

SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR

4111 AVIATION AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 196900  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99519-6900  
(907) 269-0520 (FAX 269-0521)  
(TTY 269-0473)

March 17, 2009

RE: MOA Zoning Review

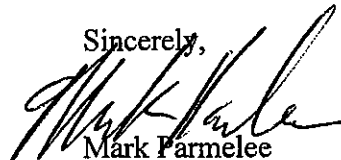
Mr. Jerry Weaver, Platting Officer  
Municipality of Anchorage  
P.O. Box 196650  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, ADOT&PF, has reviewed the following applications and has no comment:

**2009-037; Communication Tower Administrative Site Review – Latimer Fire Station 31**  
**2009-051; Ordinance amending Title 21**

Sincerely,



Mark Parmelee  
Area Planner

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Municipality of Anchorage  
Zoning Division

**Graves, Jill A.**

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**From:** Staff, Alton R.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:35 PM  
**To:** McLaughlin, Francis D.; Graves, Jill A.; Stewart, Gloria I.  
**Subject:** Plat and Zoning Case Comments

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Municipality of Anchorage  
Zoning Division

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

2009-035  
2009-036  
2009-039  
2009-044  
2009-045  
2009-046  
2009-048  
2009-049  
2009-050  
2009-051

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

S10625-9  
S11496-3  
S11497-3  
S11579-3  
S11669-3  
S11723-1  
S11724-1  
S11726-1  
S11727-1  
S11728-1

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Alton R. Staff  
Planning Manager  
Public Transportation Department  
3600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
907-343-8230

# Zoning and Platting Cases On-line

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**Case Num:** 2009-051

An ordinance amending Title 21 for utilities under AMC 21.90

**Site Address:** N/A

**Location:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.90.060 TO INCLUDE AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT RISK EXPOSURE TO WILDFIRE, HIGH WINDS, OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTER IN THE TARGET AREAS AND FACTORS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY'S FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PLACING EXISTING OVERHEAD LINES UNDERGROUND.

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## Public Comments

**2/25/09**

Richard Foster  
7400 Upper Huffman Rd  
Anchorage AK 99516

Please reconsider this amendment, this is a blatant attempt to circumvent any responsibility on the part of the utility from requesting or receiving a right of way approval on a private person's property. The electric utility already has a 20' wide right on everyone's property, this amendment would allow the utility another 20', for a total of 40' to place buried lines without notice or working with the property owner. As a result of this amendment, Chugach would be able to cut down the only windbreak grove of trees on our property even though they already cut a 20' swath on either side of the line above-ground. Isn't 20' good enough for you? Or is it the fact that not enough homeowner's signed the utility's request for an additional 20' right-of-way on the Hillside that they have to claim it is a fire-hazard now after 30-odd years? Please, please, reconsider this insidious amendment.

**2/25/09**

Jo Blackburn

Where exactly are the targeted areas? Please don't take any action until the Community Councils get a chance to look and comment or they are left out of the process. Thank you.

**Content ID:** 007765**Type:** Ordinance - AO

**Title:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.90.060 TO INCLUDE AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT RISK EXPOSURE TO WILDFIRE, HIGH WINDS, OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTER IN THE TARGET AREAS AND FACTORS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY'S FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PLACING EXISTING OVERHEAD LINES UNDERGROUND.

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**Description:** An Ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.90.060 to include areas with significant risk exposure to wildfires, high winds, or other natural disasters in the target areas.

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