

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Dept. of Law  
For reading: January 31, 2012

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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO No. 2012-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION  
16.120.020 TO INCREASE THE TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD FOR THE COLD  
WEATHER PLAN FOR HOMELESS PERSONS FROM 32 DEGREES TO 45  
DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.**

**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 16.120.020 is hereby amended to  
read as follows:

**16.120.020 Cold weather plan activation and deactivation.**

- A. The cold weather plan shall be activated when the outside temperature drops to 45 [32] degrees Fahrenheit or below on the day when overnight sheltering begins, by ambient or wind-chill measures. The plan is automatically in effect, with no further action required by the municipality or by designated temporary cold weather shelters, to provide shelter services under this chapter.
- B. The cold weather plan shall be deactivated when the outside temperature subsequently rises above 45 [TO 33] degrees Fahrenheit after plan activation [or above]. Notwithstanding deactivation due to temperature increases, no person sheltered overnight at a temporary cold weather shelter under this chapter shall be asked or required to leave before 8:00 a.m. without good cause.
- C. Temperature readings, for the purposes in this section, shall be according to the National Weather Service (NWS), Merrill Field Airport station, Anchorage. In the event the Merrill Field Airport station is offline, temperature readings from the NWS Lake Hood, Elmendorf, or Ted Stevens International Airport stations may be utilized.

(AO No. 2010-46, § 1, 6-8-10)

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2 **Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage  
3 and approval by the Assembly.  
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5 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
6 February, 2012.  
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12 Chair of the Assembly

13 ATTEST:  
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17 Brian S. Piment  
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19 Municipal Clerk

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 75-2012

Meeting Date: January 31, 2012

**From: MAYOR**

**Subject: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.120.020 TO INCREASE THE TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD FOR THE COLD WEATHER PLAN FOR HOMELESS PERSONS FROM 32 DEGREES TO 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.**

The Administration determined the cold weather plan for homeless persons would better serve vulnerable homeless persons facing significant risks to their life and safety from exposure and cold weather by increasing the triggering temperature threshold to 45 degrees Fahrenheit from the current 32 degrees. Exposure, hypothermia, and other climate risks are significant and present above 32 degrees, justifying a higher temperature threshold. This ordinance does not have any private sector economic effects and local government costs and revenues are nominal at best, thus a summary of economic effects is not included per AMC section 2.30.050B.1.b.i.

**THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD FOR THE COLD WEATHER PLAN FOR HOMELESS PERSONS TO 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.**

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Concur:	George J. Vakalis, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted:	Daniel A. Sullivan, Mayor