

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



*Mayor Dave Bronson*

February 15, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Re: 2/2/23 Public Records Request

Dear Assembly Leadership:

This concerns your 2/2/23 public records request for personnel records related to Joe Gerace's time of employment.

As you are aware, Anchorage Municipal Code 3.90.060B. says in relevant part, "Any denial of a request for information or inspection of public records shall be automatically appealed to the mayor, and a written reply will be given within seven working days either granting or denying the appeal."

The records you requested, concerning the appointment, service, and resignation of former Anchorage Health Department Director Joe Gerace are personnel records. As such, I agree with the Department of Law that the records are exempt from public disclosure per AMC 3.90.016D. and 3.90.040B.

The Municipality takes its obligation to protect employee privacy seriously and will not publicly disclose such information without a court order directing a release pursuant to AMC 3.30.016, as cited by (then) Acting Municipal Attorney Blair Christensen. This goes for all current and past employees, including Joe Gerace, who have not consented to the release of their personnel records.

The appeal is denied.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dave Bronson

cc: Municipal Attorney's Office  
Human Resources  
Assembly Counsel