

PRESS RELEASE



ASSEMBLY ALIGNS MEETING PARTICIPATION WITH MAYOR'S LATEST EMERGENCY ORDER, EO-14

Public Encouraged to Provide Testimony by Email or Phone

July 22, 2020

Today, Mayor Berkowitz issued Emergency Order EO -14, returning our community to a modified version of Phase Two in the Safe Anchorage: Roadmap to Reopening the Municipality of Anchorage plan. EO-14 limits public interactions in high-risk situations through capacity and gathering limitations.

In order to align with EO-14, which limits indoor gathering to no more than 25 people, the Assembly Chambers will be closed to the public beginning Thursday, July 23 until further notice. Community members are encouraged to provide testimony on Regular and Special Meeting agenda items by email or phone. Please see below for instructions on how to provide testimony and general comments.

HOW TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY

Written testimony is encouraged. You may submit written comments to Testimony@anchorageak.gov by 2pm the day of the meeting. These comments will become part of the record of the meeting. In the subject line of the email, please tell us which agenda item you are providing testimony for (Example: 13.A. Ordinance No. AO 2020-15).

If you wish to provide testimony on the phone, email Testimony@anchorageak.gov by 2 pm the day of the meeting with your Name, Phone Number, and the Agenda Item Number/Title for which you wish to provide Public Testimony (Example: 13.B Ordinance No. AO 2020-16). You may follow along with the meeting on Channel 9 (is it channel 10? I thought it was Channel 9?) or on livestreaming at <http://www.muni.org/watchnow>. When the Assembly reaches your agenda item, the Clerk will phone you at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide testimony.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizens may also comment on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing, or on any matter not appearing on the agenda. Email comments can be sent to the full Assembly at AssemblyMembers@anchorageak.gov. If you wish to provide general comments over the phone during an Assembly meeting, please email the Clerk's Office at Testimony@anchorageak.gov by 2pm the day of the meeting with your Name, Phone Number, and Subject line titled: **Audience Participation**. Audience Participation is taken up for a limited amount of time at the beginning of meetings and again at the end of Assembly meeting after the Assembly concludes its business. The Clerk will phone you at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide public comment.

HOW TO LISTEN TO AND VIEW ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

All Regular and Special Meetings of the Anchorage Assembly held at the Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library are available through live streaming and archived meetings/podcasts at <http://www.muni.org/watchnow>; live on Channel 9; and rebroadcast Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

WORKSESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Beginning immediately, Assembly worksessions and committee meetings will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Meetings are publicly noticed on the [Assembly calendar](#) and include information on how the public can participate. Assembly worksessions are recorded. To listen to the recording of the worksession, please go to <http://www.muni.org/watchnow>, under Assembly Worksessions and Joint Meetings.

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