ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2021-19(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
TEMPORARILY WAIVING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 PERMIT FEES FOR 2021 FOR THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY AND CERTAIN OTHER FOOD PERMIT USERS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Article V, Section 5.02 of the Home Rule Charter for the Municipality and Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.80.040, the Mayor declared a civil emergency on March 12, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, to preserve life in and adjacent to the Municipality, the Mayor issued Emergency Orders EO-01 through EO-17 to help slow the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, the emergency orders in Anchorage and throughout the nation have resulted in some businesses closing, some workers being laid off, and resulting economic impacts;

WHEREAS, Anchorage desires to protect public health to the greatest extent possible while minimizing economic impacts;

WHEREAS, the hospitality industry and certain other food permit users, which includes restaurants, bars, cottage food, mobile and fixed mobile units, kiosks, push carts, bakeries, caterers, schools and child care facilities, pools, and spas, have experienced a disproportionately negative economic impact from the COVID-19 public health emergency; now therefore

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 16.60.110, all permit fees appearing in Anchorage Municipal Code 16.60.110 shall be waived for the year 2021 for hospitality businesses and certain food permit users—to include restaurants, bars, cottage food, mobile and fixed mobile units, kiosks, push carts, bakeries, caterers, schools and child care facilities, pools, and spas—in order to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver shall apply to all existing hospitality businesses and certain food permit users listed above, as well as new businesses applying for permits in 2021.
Section 2. Notwithstanding Anchorage Municipal Code 16.15.030, all permit fees appearing in Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations 15.05.001 shall be waived for the year for 2021 for pools and spas in order to help alleviate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver shall apply to all existing pools and spas, as well as permits for new pools and spas in 2021.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _________ day of ______________________ 2021.

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk