



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**

No. AM 461-2021

Meeting Date: July 13, 2021

1 **From: Assembly Chair LaFrance and Vice-Chair Constant**  
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 3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING**  
 4 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.20.060 AND**  
 5 **3.30.172 TO RECOGNIZE NEW POSITIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY**  
 6 **BRANCH.**

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 8 Over the past years, as the business of the Municipality and the workload of the  
 9 Anchorage Assembly has increased, the Assembly has recognized the need for the  
 10 option to hire staff positions that are designed to assist it in its legislative functions  
 11 on policy, advocacy and community engagement areas for the common goals of the  
 12 body. For example, to coordinate the several town halls held to broaden the public  
 13 input beyond public hearings at regular meetings on important matters before the  
 14 Assembly for consideration, such as the alcohol tax, homeless shelters in the  
 15 business district and licensing requirements, or COVID-19 pandemic regulation and  
 16 relief funding allocations. Moreover, some research and reporting functions on state  
 17 and federal legislation, or complex local legal or policy matters such as the Alaska  
 18 Railroad property rights issues, are beyond the scope of current Assembly Branch  
 19 staffed positions but are important for the full body’s information and education on  
 20 those matters. For these reasons, the proposed ordinance will add the “Special  
 21 Assistant to the Assembly” position to the Anchorage Municipal Code.

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24 **We request your support for the ordinance.**

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