



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 330-2022

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

1 **From: Assembly Chair LaFrance**

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3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
4 **AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.03.040 TO ALLOW**
5 **TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF LICENSED PREMISES FOR ONSITE**
6 **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AS AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY**
7 **AND STIMULUS MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND WAIVING THE**
8 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR TITLE 21 AMENDMENTS OF**
9 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 21.03.210.**

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11 A waiver of review and approval processes of permit modifications for outdoor dining
12 and seating at establishments serving alcohol was codified in 2021; however, when
13 the emergency provisions for the waiver under Title 21 terminated, businesses
14 began engaging in the full special land use permit modification application process.
15 This has been reported to have been a costly, long and frustrating endeavor for
16 some of these businesses. This is unfortunate, given the need to continue to climb
17 out of the economic after-effects of COVID-10 and address economic uncertainty
18 now in the face of inflation and world events. Summer is the time for many of the
19 affected businesses to improve their odds of success. A more expedited process is
20 needed.

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22 Through conversations with the Planning Department, it has become clear that a
23 solution is desired by both the assembly and the administration.

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25 This ordinance will allow the same waiver of the process to occur now through May
26 31, 2023. An approval of the change in licensed premises from the Alaska Alcoholic
27 Beverage Control Board will be required, as well as an approved application for a
28 Temporary Use of Outdoor Areas permit. Between now and May 31, 2023, the
29 assembly and the administration can work together through the Planning
30 Department to seek solutions and streamline the process.

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32 **I request your support for the ordinance.**

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