



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 444 - 2022

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

1 **From:** ASSEMBLY MEMBERS PETERSEN, CONSTANT, RIVERA,  
2 ALLARD, CROSS AND SULTE  
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4 **Subject:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL  
5 ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE,  
6 SECTION 10.50.035D.4 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR  
7 THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY BAR  
8 SAFETY HOUR REPORTS.  
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10 The Bar Safety Hour Permit Program, as authorized by AO 2013-86(S) and first  
11 initiated August 16, 2013, encourages eligible licensed establishments  
12 throughout the Municipality of Anchorage to engage in mitigating the impact of  
13 bar closing hour by remaining open additional time on weekends without alcohol  
14 sale and service, under the Bar Safety Hour Permit Program. The Bar Safety  
15 Hour Permit Program is administered by the Municipal Clerk's Office.  
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17 The Clerk's Office has been reporting on the compliance of participants of the  
18 Bar Safety Hour since August of 2013. Reports include citations, violations,  
19 notice of violations and other enforcement information from the Anchorage  
20 Police Department, Land Use Enforcement, and the Alcohol and Marijuana  
21 Control Office enforcement. These reports have consistently shown that  
22 businesses participating in the safety hour have not had any violations of the  
23 regulations under Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 10.50.035D.2.  
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25 At the July 14, 2022 Community and Economic Development Committee  
26 Meeting, the committee members, Assembly Members Petersen, Constant,  
27 Rivera, Allard, Cross, and Sulte, who are the sponsors of this ordinance,  
28 discussed the program and the need for the quarterly reporting. The Committee  
29 recognized the need for the Assembly to be kept informed of any concerns or  
30 issues with the participants of the program but did not see a need to continue  
31 receiving quarterly reports.  
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33 Because of the success of this program, the proposed ordinance updates the  
34 requirement in municipal code, section 10.50.035D.4 for the Municipal Clerk to  
35 provide reports to the Assembly only if violations of the bar safety hour occur, or  
36 annually, whichever comes first.  
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1 | Respectfully submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Assembly Chair