

Submitted by: Chair of the
Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Anchorage Health
Department
For reading: January 24, 2023

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-26**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY EXPANDING**
2 **SULLIVAN ARENA EMERGENCY SHELTER CAPACITY TO 360.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Health Department Director designates facilities as
6 emergency shelters under Anchorage Municipal Code 16.120.040 with appropriate
7 conditions to accommodate these intended uses;

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9 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code 16.120.020D. provides that emergency
10 homeless shelters shall be for no more than 150 clients in a single location without
11 Assembly approval;

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13 **WHEREAS**, in AR 2022-293, As Amended, the Assembly authorized five facilities
14 to be mobilized as emergency shelter locations when the Emergency Shelter Plan
15 is activated;

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17 **WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2022, the Anchorage Assembly approved AR 2022-313,
18 As Amended, approving the census of the Sullivan Arena to be up to 150 clients,
19 with an additional 50 clients under certain conditions;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the approval granted under AR 2022-313, As Amended, expired on
22 December 31, 2022;

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24 **WHEREAS**, the approval granted under AR 2022-411, As Amended, is set to expire
25 January 27, 2023; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, at this time, all other low barrier facilities are operating at or near
28 capacity and the Health Department Director believes it is necessary to increase the
29 Sullivan Arena emergency shelter capacity to 360 clients; now, therefore,

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31 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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33 **Section 1.** The Assembly hereby approves the census of the Sullivan Arena to
34 be up to 200 clients when it is activated as an emergency shelter when there is a
35 sustained capacity of 90% utilization of 150 clients for 5 days at the Sullivan Arena
36 and all other low barrier facilities are full, and at such times that all other cold weather
37 sheltering location options approved under AR 2022-293, As Amended, are
38 exhausted. The Administration may authorize up to 160 more additional capacity if
39 there are 200 client beds occupied and they provide notice to the Assembly and the

1 surrounding community councils that additional shelter beds are necessary for life,
2 safety and welfare of unsheltered persons.

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4 **Section 2.** This approval shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2023 unless
5 otherwise extended by the Assembly.

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7 **Section 3.** As accommodations become available at other emergency sheltering
8 or appropriate housing facilities, best efforts shall be utilized to reduce and maintain
9 the Sullivan Arena census at or below 150 clients.

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11 **Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
12 approval by the Assembly but utilization data from the 5 days prior to passage and
13 approval may be used to evaluate surge capacity.

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15 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
16 _____, 2023.

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22 Chair

23 ATTEST:

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27 Municipal Clerk