

2024 ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY WORK PLAN - DRAFT

PRIORITIES

- **Housing Action** – communicate the Assembly’s housing vision, streamline codes and processes, and spur innovative attainable housing
 - **Municipal Workforce** – support recruitment and retention of a productive and qualified municipal workforce
 - **Port of Alaska Modernization** – support rapid timeline that launches Phase II construction by summer 2024
 - **Public Health, Safety and Quality of Life** – fund public safety & mental health services; support the Crisis Now model; invest in outdoor and public spaces
 - **Fully Functional Municipal Services** – closely monitor service delivery to ensure high quality, accessible, and transparent municipal services and operations
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GOALS

Economic Development Goals

- Establish Anchorage MAPs program (Metropolitan Area Projects)
- Continue to improve and simplify Muni processes and regulations on business
- Codify and confirm appointments for new Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund Accountability Board, to provide robust recommendations for marijuana tax revenue for early childhood education for FY25 budget

Public Safety Goals

- APD fully staffed
- Revise purpose and composition of the Public Safety Advisory Commission (sunset vote 10/24/24)

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Housing Goals

- Finalize HOME Initiative to simplify residential zoning
- Short-term rental tracking
- Third party review for commercial development
- Create catalog of pre-approved residential building plans
- Adjust Planning appeal fees
- Investigate infrastructure funding solutions
- Review Residential Design Standards
- Continue to utilize vacant and abandoned buildings for housing
- Investigate and update tax incentives for housing development and upgrades
- Create a code safe harbor program to encourage development of old housing stock
- Continue to refine Code to reduce the cost and timeline to build in Anchorage

Homelessness Goals

- Public access dashboard on the Assembly home page of the data and metrics around homelessness to drive fact/data based decision making
- Ensure Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is funded through 23-24 winter, with a smooth transition
- Identify sustainable policy and funding for emergency cold weather shelter
- Prioritize housing investments and policies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness, and long-term demand for shelter

Quality and Transparent Municipal Operations Goals

- Wage Increases for MOA employees
- MOA fully staffed
- Access to Records in the MOA
- Update Public Records code to bring to date with current technologies i.e. video and electronic
- Ensure full implementation of Online checkbook

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Assembly Business Goals

- Create an Assembly Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

Quality of Life Goals

- Eklutna River Restoration - full damn removal
- Continue to invest in parks and park access

Infrastructure and Transportation Goals

- Complete a decision on design for both Terminals 1 and 2 in Port of Alaska Modernization program
- Snow Planning - review various snow removal plan costs (84hr., 72 hr., 48hr.) in terms of labor, equipment etc.
- Assume snow plowing and funding of all state roads except Glenn, Minnesota and New Seward
- Improve CIP and CIB process and broaden community process for prioritizing capital projects
- Increase investment in safe streets, road maintenance, and non-motorized transportation