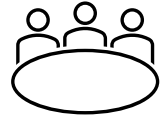




FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 AT 7 A.M.
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#)
AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



1. Roll Call
2. Ordinance Enacting Fairbanks General Code Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 7 – Loitering, Prowling, and Panhandling. [not introduced]
3. Ordinance Creating a City of Fairbanks Fire Code Appeals Board [not introduced]
4. Downtown Log Cabin Lease Update
5. Finance Committee Recommended Changes to Sales Tax
6. Blight Ordinance Review
7. Borough Assembly Challenge to City Council, FNSB Resolution No. 2026-16
8. Finance Committee Report
9. Mayor and Councilmember Comments
10. Next Regular Work Session – Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 7:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 46,
ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 7 – LOITERING, PROWLING, AND PANHANDLING**

WHEREAS, people loitering, prowling, or aggressive panhandling near businesses or public spaces generate reasonable safety concerns, interfere with lawful business in the area, and create nuisances for the community; and

WHEREAS, loitering, prowling, and aggressive panhandling are not acceptable behaviors as they often lead to more significant criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, loitering, prowling, and aggressive panhandling might be harmful behaviors to the people engaged in those activities because it often prolongs their individual struggles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and its local partners provide numerous health and social services that people engaged in loitering or aggressive panhandling could accept in lieu of such behavior; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has a duty to the community to establish a fair and just code that does not allow loitering, prowling, or aggressive panhandling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 7 is hereby enacted, as follows:

DIVISION 7. - LOITERING AND PANHANDLING

Sec. 46-256. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Loitering is the act of lingering in a place, at a time, or in a way that's unusual for law-abiding citizens, without visible or lawful business with the owner or occupant and causes reasonable alarm or concern for the safety of people or property nearby.

Prowling means intentionally loitering, wandering, or being present on the property of another without visible or lawful purpose, under circumstances that would

cause a reasonable person to be concerned for the safety of persons or property, including behavior suggesting an intent to commit a crime as opportunity may be discovered.

Panhandling is the act of soliciting money or donations in public.

Passive panhandling is the Constitutionally protected act of requesting money, goods, or any item of value without confrontation or other conduct directed at a specific individual, and without approaching, following, or otherwise interfering with the movement of any person.

Aggressive panhandling is any solicitation for money, goods, or items of value in a manner that intentionally or recklessly involves conduct directed at a specific individual and that would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated, threatened, compelled, or unable to freely avoid the interaction. Aggressive panhandling includes but is not limited to: approaching or following a person after they have declined a request; blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of any person; using profane, abusive, or threatening language; making physical contact or attempting to do so; or repeatedly soliciting the same individual in a single encounter.

Sec. 46-257. - Loitering Offense.

A lingering person commits the offense of loitering when:

- (1) Obstructing or disrupting the natural traffic pattern on a sidewalk, alley, street, or bridge.
- (2) On a median, street right of way, or other unsafe locations.
- (3) Under bridges, overpasses, or other places not designed for lingering.
- (4) On private property without consent from the property owner.
- (5) Not complying with a lawful order by a police officer to move on.
- (6) Within 50 feet of the entrance to a public facility or business without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession or in control of it. The fifty-foot distance mentioned in this section is to be measured in any direction from the center of the main entrance, or any other entrance used by the public, of the retail establishment.
- (7) Under the influence of any substance to a point in which they are unable to reasonably exercise care for their own safety or those around them.

Sec. 46-258. - Loitering Remedy.

A person who commits the offense of loitering may be subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for the offense.

Sec. 46-259. - Prowling Offense.

A lingering person commits the offense of prowling when:

- (1) Looking in buildings or vehicles without permission.
- (2) Attempting to engage in stealthy behavior, such as hiding, concealing items, or carrying an object that is inconsistent with the circumstances and setting.
- (3) Fleeing when law enforcement arrives.
- (4) Checking locks on doors or containers that the person does not have a lawful purpose to open.

Sec. 46-260 Prowling Remedy.

A person who commits the offense of prowling may be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 for the offense.

Sec. 46-261. - Passive Panhandling Limitations.

Passive panhandling is not allowed in the following locations:

- (1) On a median, street right of way, or other unsafe locations.
- (2) Within 50 feet of the entrance to a public facility or business without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession or in control of it.
- (3) On bridges including pedestrian bridges.

Sec. 46-262. - Aggressive Panhandling Offense.

A person commits the offense of aggressive panhandling by:

- (1) Following a person after they have declined a request.
- (2) Blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of any person.
- (3) Using profane, abusive, or threatening language.
- (4) Making physical contact or attempting to do so.
- (5) Repeatedly soliciting the same individual in a single encounter.

Sec. 46-263. - Aggressive Panhandling Remedy.

A person who commits the offense of aggressive panhandling may be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 for the offense.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the ____ day of _____ 2026.

Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE
2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AT
FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 30-32,
CREATING APPEAL PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Fire Department operates under the authority of the State Fire Marshal as a deferred jurisdiction per AS 18.70.090 and 13 AAC 50.075; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska partially adopted the International Fire Code (IFC) by reference under the authority of AS 18.70.080 at 13 AAC 50.025; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council adopted the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) and local amendments by reference at FGC Sec. 30-31 and Sec. 30-32, respectively, through Ordinance No. 6158 (effective April 17, 2021); and

WHEREAS, Section 102.11 of the IFC allows for local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska prescribes procedures at 13 AAC 50.070(e) for appealing a decision of the State Fire Marshal's authorized representative; and

WHEREAS, the definition of State Fire Marshal's representative at 13 AAC 55.150(c) includes the fire chief of a deferred jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Fairbanks Local Amendments to the 2018 International Fire Code, adopted by reference in Fairbanks General Code at Section 30-32, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

SECTION 109

~~BOARD OF APPEALS~~

109.1 ~~Board~~ **Procedures** ~~of~~ **for** appeals established.

~~In order~~ **The following procedures are established** to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the ~~deputy~~ fire code official **marshal and fire chief** relative to the application and interpretation of this code. ~~there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body and shall hold office at its pleasure. The fire code official shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all~~

~~decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the fire code official.~~

If an order is made by the deputy fire marshal, the owner or occupant may, within seven days after receiving the order, file a written appeal to the fire chief who will, within 10 days after receiving the appeal, review the order, and issue a written decision. The appeal must be postmarked within seven days following the date of receipt of the order. The order must be complied with within the time specified in the order unless the deputy fire marshal revokes the order. The fire chief's decision on an appeal under this provision is a final order for purposes of AS 18.70.100(b).

If an order is made by the fire chief, the owner or occupant may, within seven days after receiving the order, file a written appeal to the state fire marshal who will, within 10 days after receiving the appeal, review the order, and issue a written decision. The appeal must be postmarked within seven days following the date of receipt of the order. The order must be complied with within the time specified in the order unless the fire chief revokes the order. The state fire marshal's decision on an appeal under this provision is a final order for purposes of AS 18.70.100(b).

109.2 Limitations on ~~authority~~ **appeal**.

An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the intent of this code or the rules legally adopted hereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed. ~~The board shall not have authority to waive requirements of this code.~~

~~109.3 Qualifications.~~

~~The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to hazards of fire, explosions, hazardous conditions or fire protection systems, and are not employees of the jurisdiction.~~

Section 2. The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

Section 3. Upon adoption, the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this ordinance to the State Fire Marshal's Office with our sincere gratitude for his continued dedication to fire protection and support for the City of Fairbanks.

Mindy O'Neill, Mayor

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

SALES TAXES
CITY OF FAIRBANKS IN COMPARISON WITH FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ITEM	COF	FNSB	RECOMMENDATION
Filing Requirements	Monthly	Monthly (Quarterly allowed for timely filers in the past year that report under \$1000 month).	QUARTERLY
Filing Receipt	Received by City Clerk.	Received by Collection Office or postmarked.	SAME AS FNSB
Discount	2% off total tax due if received by the 15th. [City allows discount on all sales taxes]	2% of total room tax up to \$250, only if filed timely and no outstanding debt. [FNSB allows discount only for room rental taxes]	NO DISCOUNTS
Late	After last day following month being reported.	After 15th following month being reported.	SAME AS FNSB
Late Filing	\$100 first month past due, \$1000 additional second month past due, 1.25% late interest charge on principal balance.	\$25 and 10% penalty of tax balance due and each additional month past due is 25% of tax balance due.	NO CHANGE
Interest Rate	Interest rate 15% per year on delinquent taxes, 1.25% per month from the date due until paid in full, excludes penalty fees.	Interest rate 15% per year on delinquent taxes not including penalty and admin fees from the date due until paid in full.	NO CHANGE
Penalty for Late \$0 filing	None	\$25 and 10% penalty of tax balance due and each additional month past due is 25% of tax balance due.	NO CHANGE

Sec. 10-208. Blighted properties.

- (a) *Blighted property definition.* Any individual commercial, industrial, or residential structure or parcel of land that endangers the public's health, safety, or welfare because the property is dilapidated, or deteriorated.

Properties with two or more of the following conditions may be considered a blighted property:

- (1) A property upon which is located a dangerous building as defined in the City of Fairbanks Code for the abatement of dangerous buildings.
 - (2) The property is determined to be a fire hazard by the fire chief, assistant fire chief, fire marshal, or deputy fire marshal for violations set forth in chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances.
 - (3) Property that meets the chronic nuisance property definition outlined in FGC section 46-211.
 - (4) The presence of people staying in temporary shelter not intended for permanent human habitation for more than ten days, including but not limited to mobile homes outside of licensed courts, motorhomes or similar recreational vehicles, campers, tents, sheds, or vehicles.
 - (5) Properties zoned as residential containing three or more unregistered, inoperable, uncovered, or unscreened vehicles for more than 90 days.
 - (6) Properties with accumulated litter as defined in FGC sections 46-161 and 46-162.
 - (7) Presence of unsecured drug paraphernalia as defined in FGC section 46-361.
 - (8) Properties with polluted conditions as defined in FGC section 34-106.
 - (9) Properties containing unsecured vacant buildings as defined in FGC section 10-207.
- (b) *Blighted property determination.* The mayor or mayor's designee has the authority to determine if a property has met the blighted property threshold outlined in this section.
- (c) *Notification.* Upon determination that a property is blighted, the City of Fairbanks will notify the owner of the property by posting a notice of the violation in a conspicuous location on the blighted property and providing the notice to the owner by hand delivery, mail, or electronically. The notification will specify violations that constitute the blight and clearly express remediation deadlines.
- (d) *Schedule.* Owners have thirty business days from the notice of violation to remediate the violations. If the remediation will take longer than thirty business days, the owner must present a remediation plan to the city. The mayor or mayor's designee will determine if the plan will address the violations in a reasonable timeframe.
- (e) *Remedies.* Property owners are responsible for correcting all conditions that have led to the blighted property designation. Owners failing to adequately address blighted property violations within thirty business days of the notice of violation or by an approved alternate timeline will accrue civil penalties in the amount of \$300.00 per month. After 30 days the city may address the violations at the property owner's expense. The city council may place a lien on a property for any unpaid civil penalties and/or expenses resulting from remedying the violations.
- (f) *Personal Property and Vehicles.* Insofar as may be reasonably required, the city may move, remove, or discard any personal property located on the blighted property that is contributing to the blighted designation or hindering abatement of the blighted condition. A vehicle removed under this section may be impounded by the city and released to the registered owner only upon proof of ownership and payment of all applicable impound and storage fees. Vehicles not retrieved within 90 days of the impoundment may be considered abandoned and may be disposed of without further notice to the owner. If the contents of the vehicle have not been recovered before such disposal, the contents may be disposed of with the vehicle. All

other personal property temporarily held by the city under this section may be disposed of in accordance with section 62-31.

- (g) The civil remedy provided in this section is intended to address health, safety, and welfare concerns resulting from blighted properties. Any remedy included in this section is independent and separate from any other legal remedy available including injunctive relief and criminal action.
- (h) The property owner(s) may appeal any decision regarding this section of code with the mayor or mayor's designee. The property owner may further appeal any decision regarding this section of code with the city council.
- (i) The mayor or mayor's designee may waive any fees or penalties associated with this section of Code.

1 By: Scott Crass
2 Kristan Kelly
3 David Guttenberg
4 Introduced: 06/11/2026
5 Amended: 06/11/2026
6 Adopted: 06/11/2026
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8 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
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10 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 16
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12 A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ISSUING A
13 FRIENDLY REMATCH CHALLENGE TO THE FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING
14 LAST YEAR’S BOWLING CONTEST
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16 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly and the Fairbanks
17 City Council work collaboratively to serve the residents of the Borough and the City of
18 Fairbanks; and
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20 WHEREAS, Maintaining positive intergovernmental relationships through
21 collegiality, good humor, and friendly competition strengthens public trust in local
22 government; and
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24 WHEREAS, During a bowling match held in 2025, the Fairbanks City Council
25 emerged victorious over the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, an outcome the
26 Assembly acknowledges with grace, humility, and a careful review of the score sheet;
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29 WHEREAS, The Borough Assembly further acknowledges that the City’s
30 victory has since been discussed at length and mentioned repeatedly; and
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32 WHEREAS, The Borough Assembly notes that the City Council’s victory,
33 while memorable, was clearly the result of exceptional circumstances that are unlikely to
34 occur again; and
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36 WHEREAS, The Assembly believes the time has come for a rematch, both
37 in the interest of restoring competitive balance while providing another opportunity for
38 camaraderie, recreation, and community engagement while reinforcing the spirit of
39 friendly rivalry between local governing bodies;
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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
42 North Star Borough:

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- 44 1. Hereby issues a friendly rematch challenge to the Fairbanks City Council for a
45 pickleball competition to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date, time, and
46 location.
 - 47 2. While congratulating the City Council on its prior success, the Borough Assembly
48 expresses its firm belief, and reasonable expectation, that such a result shall not
49 happen again.
 - 50 3. The Assembly encourages enthusiastic and respectful cheering, with a general
51 appreciation that local government can engage in a spirited competition.
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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall take effect
54 immediately upon adoption.

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56 ADOPTED THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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Scott Crass
Presiding Officer

65 ATTEST:

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April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk

71 Yeses: Rotermund, Armstong, Guttenberg, LaJiness, Kelly, Roach, Wilson, Crass,
72 Reeves
73 Noes: None