

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 7 A.M.



MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA <u>ZOOM WEBINAR</u> AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Ordinance No. 6285, as Amended An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-36 Economic Development Property Tax Rebate and Enacting Section 74-37 Tax Incentive for Property Development, Redevelopment, or Renovation. [item will be discussed if not disposed of at May 12 Council meeting]
- 3. Ordinance No. 6283, as Amended An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code by Enacting Section 10-207 to Require That Vacant Buildings Be Secured and Registered and Establishing Fines for Violations of These Requirements. [first reading postponed to May 19, 2025; a public hearing has not been held]
- 4. Ordinance No. 6305 An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 70-162, to Ensure Visible and Safe Traffic Intersections and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. [postponed to June 9, 2025]
- 5. Ordinance No. 6314 An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-119(a), Order of Business, Requiring a Land Acknowledgment at Every Regular City Council Meeting. [not introduced]
- 6. Update on FAST Planning Improvement Projects
- 7. Discussion on 1424 Moore Street Property
- 8. Finance Committee Report
- 9. Mayor and Councilmember Comments
- 10. Next Regular Work Session Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 7:00 a.m.
- 11. Adjournment

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad

Introduced: June 24, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6285, AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 74-36 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX REBATEEXEMPTION OR DEFERRAL AND ENACTING SECTION 74-37 TAX INCENTIVE FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT, OR RENOVATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has economic development authorities; and

WHEREAS, residential and commercial development drives local economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a tax <u>rebate</u>exemption or deferral for certain economic development property; and

WHEREAS, temporary relief from property taxes can be an effective incentive for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks area has experienced a housing shortage, impacting the ability of residents to find affordable, efficient housing in the community; and

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned, and/or undeveloped lots are of little economic value, often negatively affect proximate property values, and can be a source of blight; and

WHEREAS, new, quality residential and commercial construction significantly contributes to the economy, often positively affects proximate property values, and usually improves local aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Fairbanks City Council to encourage residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council has the authority to <u>reimburse citizens</u> <u>forfreeze the</u> City property taxes to encourage development.

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

SECTION 1. FGC Sec. 74-36, Economic development property tax **rebate**exemption or deferral, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in strikethrough font]:

Sec. 74-36. - Economic development property tax <u>rebate</u>exemption or deferral.

- (a) The council may grant a partial or total <u>rebate</u>exemption and/or deferral for economic development property only if the granting of such <u>rebate</u>exemption and/or deferral will provide economic benefit to the city, and
 - (1) The <u>rebate</u>exemption and/or deferral will provide measurable public benefits commensurate with the level of incentive granted;
 - (2) The property owner is in compliance with all state and local tax obligations;
 - (3) The location of the trade, industry, or business is compatible with **zoning** requirements land use and development plans of the borough; and
 - (4) The <u>rebate</u>exemption and/or deferral is necessary to allow adequate time for improvements to be completed and revenue to be generated by the property.
- (b) Economic development property means real property that:
 - (1) Has not previously been taxed as real or personal property by the city; however, improvements on properties may be partially or wholly tax exempted or deferred under this section.
 - (2) Is used in trade or city business in a way that:
 - a. creates employment in the city directly related to the use of the property that does not supplant jobs in another similar industry; or
 - b. generates sales outside of the city of goods or services produced in the city; or
 - c. materially reduces the importation of goods or services from outside the city.
 - (3) Enables a significant capital investment in physical infrastructure that:
 - a. expands the tax base of the City; and
 - b. will generate property tax after the rebateexemption/deferment expires.
 - (34) Has not been used in the same trade or business in another city for at least six months before the application for <u>a rebate</u>deferral or exemption is filed; this limitation does not apply if the property was used in the same trade or business in an area that has been annexed to the city within six months before the application for <u>a rebate</u>deferral or exemption is filed; this subsection does not apply to inventories.

(c) An ordinance by the Fairbanks City Council must precede any action to authorize a tax **rebate**exemption or deferral under this section.

SECTION 2. FGC Chapter 74, Article II, Property Tax, is amended to add new Section 74-37, Tax incentive for property development, redevelopment, or renovation, as follows:

Sec. 74-37. - Tax incentive for property development, redevelopment, or renovation.

- (a) As permitted by state law, a property tax <u>rebate</u>exemption may be approved for the development, redevelopment, or renovation of a property within city limits that results in an increased property tax assessment. The <u>property owner</u>assessed value attributable to the new development, redevelopment, or renovation of a property may be granted a reimbursement of taxes <u>for the assessed value attirbutable to the new development, redevelopment, or renovation of a property</u> for a maximum of five years based on the total construction costs confirmed on the permit(s) from the Building Department as follows:
 - (1) Construction costs totaling \$1,000,000 or more may receive a <u>rebate for</u> <u>five years</u>five-year exemption.
 - (2) Construction costs totaling between \$50,000 to \$999,999 may receive a rebate for two years two-year exemption.
 - (3) Construction costs totaling less than \$50,000 are not eligible for a tax **rebate**exemption under this program.
- (b) The property owner must apply for the tax reimbursement through the Building Department during the permitting process. Property owners with projects requiring multiple permits will add construction costs from each permit to determine total construction costs.
- (c) The Mayor or mayor's designee may approve or deny the application. Following the final inspection, the property owner and Building Department will confirm the total construction costs for the application. The Building Official will recommend approval or denial of the application based on total construction costs and resulting property improvements to the Mayor or mayor's designee. Approval of the application cannot occur prior to the final inspection from the Building Department. Property owners may appeal any decision made by the Mayor or mayor's designee to the City Council.

(d) The rebate is not transferrable with the sale of the property.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

SECTION 4. The rebate program will sunset on December 31, 2025 unless extended by City Council resolution.

	David Pruhs, Mayor
AYES: NAYS: ABSENT: ADOPTED:	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS FISCAL NOTE I. REQUEST: Ordinance or Resolution No: 6285 Abbreviated Title: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX REBATE Department(s): Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize: Yes____No___x additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes_____No___x 2) additional support or maintenance costs? If yes, what is the estimate? see below Yes____No___x additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? If yes, how many positions? If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary) II. FINANCIAL DETAIL: TOTAL PROJECTS: TOTAL TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND [TAX REBATE] TOTAL Based on the current mill levy of 5.914, the rebate for a project with an assessed property valuation of \$50,000 is \$295.70 for a two-year total of \$591.40 and \$1,000,000 is \$5,914.00 for a five-year total of \$29,570.00.

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Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs
Councilmember Sprinkle
Councilmember Ringstad
Councilmember Therrien
Councilmember Marney
Introduced: June 24, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6283, AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE BY ENACTING SECTION 10-207 TO REQUIRE THAT VACANT BUILDINGS BE SECURED AND REGISTERED AND ESTABLISHING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THESE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, vacant buildings pose threats to public safety by attracting criminal activities and creating an increased fire risk; and

WHEREAS, vacant buildings often contribute to a blight on the community that lowers the value of nearby properties; and

WHEREAS, many of the vacant building property owners do not live in Fairbanks and are difficult to locate and contact, which delays securing, cleaning, or abatement of the property; and

WHEREAS, several communities have found that a vacant property registry is a useful tool that encourages owners to secure and maintain their properties.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 10, Article VII Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings is hereby amended to add new Section 10-207 Vacant buildings, as follows:

Sec. 10-207. - Vacant buildings.

(a) Vacant building definition: A vacant building is a structure designed for residential or commercial use that has not been lawfully used for residential or commercial purposes for 180 days.

The vacant building designation does not apply to:

- 1. Vacation properties;
- 2. Structures used on a seasonal basis;
- 3. Buildings that have been continuously offered in good faith for sale for less than 365 days;
- 4. Buildings with an active building permit from the City of Fairbanks if the permitted work is completed within 365 days of the initial permit date.

- (b) Duty to secure: Vacant buildings must be sufficiently secured to prevent ingress and egress. Vacant buildings must have prominently visible "No Trespassing" signs at each secured exterior door. Vacant building owners are responsible for routine inspections to ensure the building remains secure and to prevent unauthorized access.
- (c) Duty to Register: A vacant building must be registered with the City of Fairbanks Building Department within 30 days of meeting the vacant building threshold established in Sec. 10-207 (a). The vacant building registry will be maintained by the Building Department. Information on the registry is confidential and not intended for public release. Registering the building does not remove the owner(s)' duty to secure. The property owner may grant the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) access to the building for the duration of the vacancy and allow the Police to trespass unauthorized people on the property owner's behalf. Granting the FPD access, does not remove the owner(s)' duty to secure or make the FPD liable for damages that occur at the property. The building owner(s) may apply to the Building Department for removal from the registry when the building is no longer vacant.

At a minimum, the registration will consist of the following information:

- 1. Vacant building address;
- 2. Owner(s)' full name;
- 3. Owner(s)' contact information; and
- 4. Period of time the building is expected to remain vacant; and
- 5. Option to grant FPD access to property.

The owner of the vacant building shall pay an annual registration fee as follows:

- 1. **No cost**\$100 for the first year;
- 2. \$250 for the second year; and
- 3. \$500 for every subsequent year.
- (d) Remedies: Property owners are responsible for registering and securing vacant buildings. If the City identifies a vacant property that has not been registered, the City will notify the owner of the property by posting a notice of the violation in a conspicuous location on the property and providing the notice to the owner by hand delivery, mail, or electronically. The property owner will have 30 days to register the property. After 30 days, oOwners failing to register vacant buildings will be charged \$10 per day. Owners failing to adequately secure vacant buildings within ten business days of registration or notice of violation for not securing a vacant building will accrue civil penalties in the amount of \$300 per business day. After 30 days the City may secure the vacant building at the owners' expense. The City Council may place a lien on a property for any unpaid civil penalties and/or expenses resulting from securing the vacant building.

- (e) The building 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.
- (f) The mayor or mayor's designee may waive any fees or fines associated with this section of code.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

	David Pruhs, Mayor
AYES: NAYS: ABSENT: ADOPTED:	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS FISCAL NOTE

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I. REQUEST:						
Ordinance or Resolutio	n No: <u>6283</u>					
Abbreviated Title:	ORDINANCE VACAN	ORDINANCE VACANT BUILDINGS REGISTRATION AND FINES				
Department(s):	GENERAL					
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2) additional support or	maintenance costs?			No		х
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3) additional positions b	eyond the current adopted be	oudget?	Yes	No		х
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	If yes, type of positions?	(F	- Full Time, P - F	Part Time, T	- Temp	orary)
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subsequent year. A prope	ant building will be required to party owner that fails to register rety owner that fails to secure the annual total of \$75,300.	nay be subject	to fines in the am	ount of \$10 pe	r day for	a total of
Reviewed by Finance D	Department:	Initial	mb	Date	8/22	2/2024

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs Introduced: January 27, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 6305

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE, SECTION 70-162, TO ENSURE VISIBLE AND SAFE TRAFFIC INTERSECTIONS AND AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has jurisdiction over intersectional sight lines at traffic intersections within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no fee in the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services to charge property owners in violation of obscuring intersectional sight lines; and

WHEREAS, adding a fee to the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services will help the City recover its costs to remove such obstructions and will help ensure visible and safe traffic intersections.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 70, Article IV Public Streets, Section 70-162 Regulation for planting in a public place is hereby amended, as follows [new text in <u>bold/underline</u> font; deleted text in <u>strikethrough</u> font]:

Sec. 70-162. - Regulation for planting in or near a public place.

- (a) *Trimming, treating.* It shall be the duty of any person growing trees or plants that impact the public highway or right-of-way or who is responsible for trees or plants growing on property abutting on public places to:
 - (1) Trim trees or plants so as not to cause a hazard to the public, such as impacting intersection sight distance or obscuring traffic signs, or interfering with the proper public lighting or street lighting;
 - (2) To treat or remove any tree or plant which creates a nuisance or is a hazard to any public place by reason of being <u>damaged</u>, diseased or insect ridden.

(b) Setback.

(1) Street. On a corner lot, trees, or plants within the sight triangular area, as determined by the city engineer, must be planted and maintained in such a manner as to not impact sight distance at intersections and compromise the safety of the traveling public. Trees and plants that impact sight distance at intersections and compromise the safety of the

- traveling public by impacting sight distance or obscuring signs must be removed as directed by the city engineer.
- (2) Sidewalk. No tree or plant may be planted in the green space between the sidewalk and the curb.
- (be) The city engineer is authorized to direct the person who is responsible for trees or plants growing on property abutting en-public places to trim, treat, or remove any tree or plant so as to comply with subsection (a). If the person responsible for such trees or plants fails to comply, the city engineer may arrange for the removal of such trees or plants. The cost of such trimming, treating, or removal will be charged to the person responsible, provided the person responsible fails to do so after having received notice from the city engineer. The cost of trimming, treating, or removing any tree or plant under this subsection will be set forth in the city schedule of fees and charges for services. The person, so directed, may appeal the city engineer's direction to the mayor within seven days of the issuance of the notice from the city engineer.
- (<u>c</u>d) For purposes of this section, a person is responsible for an trees and plants if they are the owner, <u>manager</u>, or occupant of the premises abutting the roadway or right-of-way.

(d) Setback.

- (1) Street. On a corner lot, trees, or plants any obstruction blocking sight within the sight triangular area, as determined by the city engineer, is a hazard and must be planted and maintained in such a manner as removed to not impact interfere with sight distance at intersections and compromise the safety of the traveling public. Items including, but not limited to, trees, and plants, snow, large vehicles, construction materials, and debris that impact sight distance at intersections and compromise the safety of the traveling public by impacting sight distance or obscuring signs must be removed as directed by the city engineer.
- (2) Sidewalk. No tree or plant may be planted in the green space between the sidewalk and the curb.
- (3) The city engineer is authorized to direct the person who is responsible for any obstruction as described in this subsection to remove the obstruction. The person, so directed, may appeal the city engineer's direction to the mayor within seven days of the issuance of the notice from the city engineer.
- (e) Unless the mayor directs otherwise, if the person responsible for a hazardous tree or plant or a hazardous obstruction, both described in this section, fails to comply after the city engineer has provided notice,

the city engineer may arrange for the remediation or removal of the hazard. The cost of such remediation or removal will be charged to the person responsible. The person responsible may appeal said charge to the mayor within 14 days after notice of the charge has been issued. The mayor may waive charges in whole or in part.

(f) The cost of remediating and removing hazards under this section will be set forth in the city schedule of fees and charges for services.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Engineering section of the *City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services* is hereby amended according to Attachment A to this ordinance.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

	David Pruhs, Mayor
AYES: NAYS: ABSENT: ADOPTED:	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
D. Danvielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II. City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS FISCAL NOTE

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I. REQUEST:								
Ordinance or Resolution No:	6305							
Abbreviated Title:	ORDINANCE AMENDING	FGC 70-	162 OBSCURIN	IG INTERS	ECTI	ONS		
Department(s):	ENGINEERING							
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1) additional costs beyond the	current adopted budget?		Yes			No		Χ
2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes						No		X
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City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services						
		As of Ordinance No. 6305 - Effect	ctive	, 2025		
Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Description		
	70-161	Moving snow from private property onto street or sidewalk or failure to remove snow from sidewalk.	\$200.00 or actual cost, whichever is higher	Charges for services to owner or occupant in violation of Ordinance		
	70-162 (f)	Regulating planting in <u>or near</u> public place <u>s or obstructing intersectional sight lines</u>	\$200.00 or actual cost, whichever is higher	Charges for services to owner, manager, or occupant in violation of Ordinance		
		ROW PERMITS:				
ROW Excavation (Major)		ROW Excavation (Major)	\$585 + \$0.35	\$585 + \$0.35 per LF for Trench Installations		
		ROW Excavation (Minor)	\$410 + \$0.20	\$410 + \$0.20 per LF for Trench Installations		
		Driveway Connection to City ROW	\$ 295.00	Permit; safety review; inspection before & after pour		
		Sidewalk or Street Closure	\$ 175.00	Permit; ADA compliance		
		ZONING SERVICES:				
		Replat, four or fewer lots	\$ 175.00			
		Replat, subdivision, more than four lots.	\$ 295.00			
Engineering		Quick Plats	\$ 175.00			
		STORM WATER:				
		Stormwater Treatment/Connection/Discharge Plan Review	\$ 350.00	Includes engineering plan review, developer meeting, and site inspection.		
		Cooling Water Discharge Connection Permit	\$ 200.00	(per Ordinance No. 5613)		
		Cooling Water Discharge Connection to Storm Drain System Annual Maintenance Fee	\$ 500.00	(per Ordinance No. 5613)		
		Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review	\$ 175.00	10,000 sq.ft. to 1 acre		
		SWPPP Plan Review	\$ 350.00	1 - 5 acres		
			\$ 480.00	<u> </u>		
		SWPPP Site Inspection		Review paperwork; review field BMPs		
		Plat & Map copies		Per copy		
		11 x 17 copies	\$ 2.00	Per copy		
		8.5 x 11 copies	\$ 1.00	First page; \$0.25 per page thereafter		
		Miscellaneous Services	Actual cost	Per hour at current charge-out rate		
		Planimetric/Aerial Photograph GIS Developer's Agreement	\$ 300.00 Actual cost	TBD based on meetings with City Engineer		
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From: Robert H. Pristash

To: <u>Dani Snider</u>; <u>Thomas Chard</u>

Subject: Work Session February 4, 2025 Ordinance 6305

Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:36:27 AM

Attachments: FNSB Fences and Corner Visibility - Information Handout (PDF).pdf

FNSB CODE CHAPTER 18.96 Supplementary Regulations on intersection visibility.pdf

sight triangle for lot3C.pdf

Dani,

My intent is for this to be distributed to the Mayor and Council for the Tuesday work session. Bob

Grandfather clauses do not override safety issues. Traffic volumes, speeds and use change through time. What was tolerable once may be a liability now.

Borough code is at best incomplete for "visibility triangles". Apparently, it assumes both intersecting roads have the same speed, volume, and intersection control in both directions. This is not always the case. See FNSB attachments above.

The correct procedure is to use the national standard as described in the Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. An example of that application is attached as "sight triangle for Lot 3C" above.

FNSB CODE CHAPTER 18-96

18.96.090 Fences.

In the SF-20, single-<u>family</u> residential district, through the MFO, multiple-<u>family</u> residential/<u>professional</u> <u>office</u> district, both inclusive, <u>fences</u> and nonbuilding walls shall not exceed eight feet in height, except as set forth elsewhere in this title and in other ordinances. (Ord. 88-010 § 2, 1988. 2004 Code § 18.50.090.)

18.96.100 Street intersection visibility.

- A. On <u>corner lots</u> in all <u>zoning districts</u>, no <u>fence</u>, wall, <u>sign</u>, hedge, berm or other <u>structure</u> that impedes or obstructs the visibility of traffic on the <u>adjacent streets</u> shall be placed between the height of two and one-half feet and eight feet above the <u>finished grade</u> of the <u>adjacent street</u> within a triangular area formed by the intersection point of the <u>property</u> lines that are <u>adjacent</u> to the <u>street</u> and two points each 30 feet in distance from the intersection point measured along both <u>property</u> lines.
- B. On *corner lots* in all *zoning districts*, no vehicle shall be parked nor shall any parking space be provided or designed in the triangular area described hereinabove. (Ord. 88-010 § 2, 1988. 2004 Code § 18.50.100.)

Fences



In all urban residential zones, fences may be placed at the property line and cannot exceed 8 feet in height. There are no height restrictions for fences in the rural and non-residential zones.

The illustration shown here summarizes the fence regulations found in sections 18.50.90 and 18.50.100 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough zoning ordinance.

Please remember, in all zones fences cannot be placed where they may create a traffic hazard by obstructing the views of motorists. On corner lots, fences which impede or obstruct traffic visibility cannot exceed 2 ½ feet in height when located within the street visibility triangle.

Note: Fences within the city limits of Fairbanks and North Pole cannot exceed 6 feet in height without a building permit.

URBAN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

(SF through MFO)

• Fences cannot exceed 8 ft. in height.

• Fences may be placed at the property line.

VISIBILITY TRIANGLE (all zones)

• Triangular area measured 30 ft. along property lines from intersection point of the property

lines.

• Fences made of materials which do not obstruct the view of motorists (e.g. post and rail fences) may exceed 2 ½ ft. in height and may be located in the visibility triangle.

 Fences which obstruct the view of motorists cannot exceed 2 1/2 in height when located in the visibility triangle.

 Fences have no height restrictions, but must conform to the visibility

RURAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONES

triangle requirements.

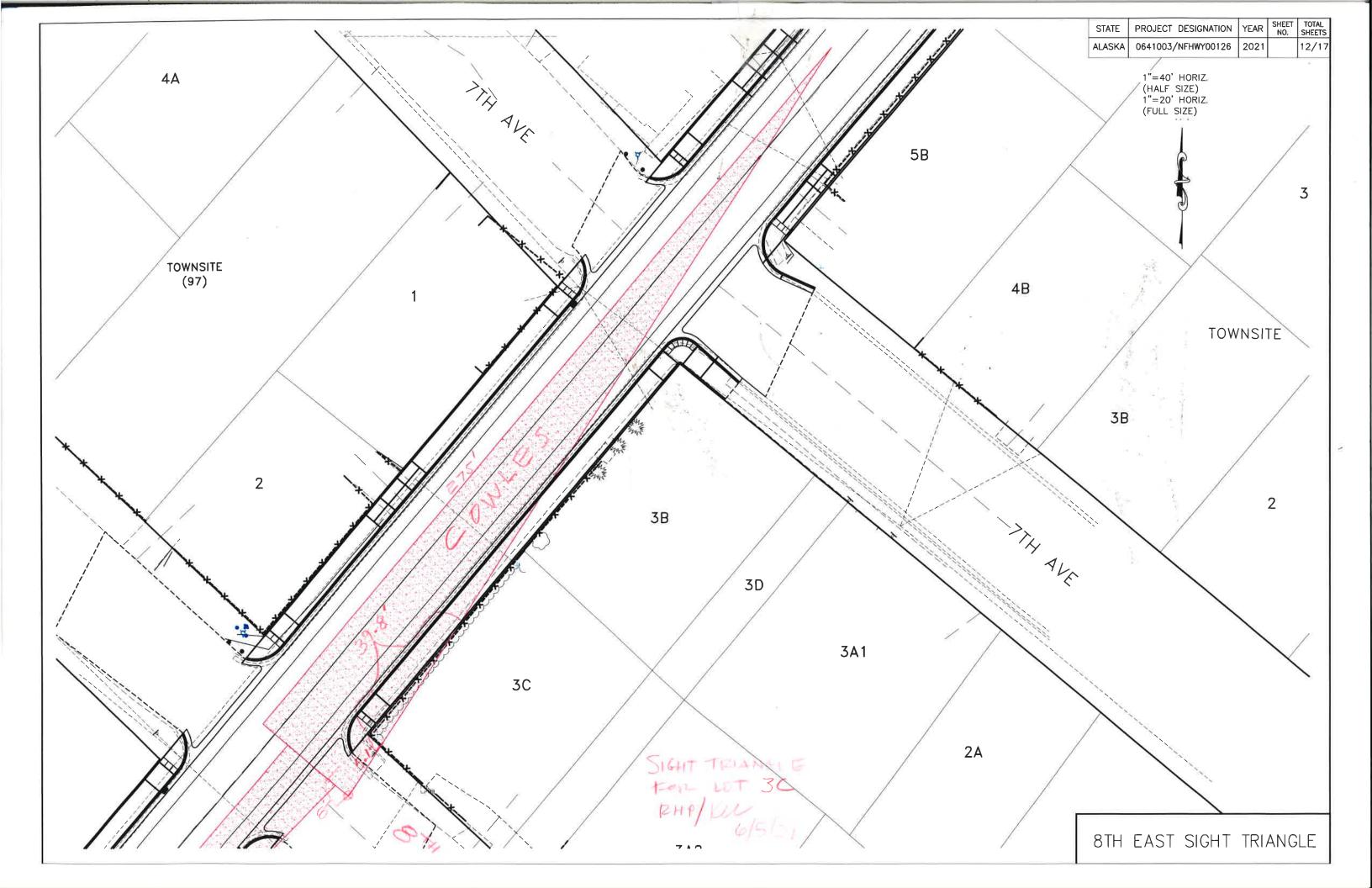
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Fairbanks North Star Borough Department of Community Planning 907 Terminal Street P.O. Box 71267 Fairbanks, Alaska 99707 (907) 459-1260 planning@fnsb.us



Revised: 18 April 2008



Introduced by: Council Member Therrien

Council Member Tidwell Date: May 19, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 6314

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 2-119(a), ORDER OF BUSINESS, REQUIRING A LAND ACKNOWLEGDMENT AT EVERY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WHEREAS, In 2021 and 2022, the Fairbanks City Council worked with Denakkanaaga Elders to create a land acknowledgement that would be appropriate for the City to offer on its publications, signage, and prior to meetings and conferences; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 4981 was proposed to add the land acknowledgment at the beginning of regular City Council meetings and, at the request of the City Council, the Fairbanks Diversity Council reviewed the Resolution and voted unanimously to recommend the Resolution be approved; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that a Land Acknowledgment, by itself, is a small gesture but it becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and informed actions and that a Land Acknowledgment can function as a living celebration of Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, Although Resolution 4981 was ultimately not enacted, the recommended Land Acknowledgment was posted at the entrance to the City Council Chambers for all to see.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> That Fairbanks General Code at Section 2-119(a) is hereby amended as follows [new text in <u>bold/underline</u> font; deleted text in <u>strikethrough</u> font]:

Sec. 2-119. - Order of business; citizens addressing city council.

- (a) At every regular meeting of the city council, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - (1) Roll call.
 - (2) Land Acknowledgment: We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.
 - (23) Invocation.

- (34)Flag salutation.
- (45) Ceremonial matters (proclamations, introductions, recognitions, and awards).
- $(\underline{56})$ Citizens' comments (oral communications to the city council on items not up for public hearing). The comment period will not exceed a total of 30 minutes unless extended by a council vote.
- (67) Approval of agenda and consent agenda. Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a council member requests that the item be returned to the general agenda. Ordinances on the approved consent agenda are automatically advanced to the next regular meeting for second reading and public hearing. All other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final.
- (78) Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- (89) Special orders.
- $(9\underline{10})$ Mayor's comments and report.
- (1011) Council members' comments.
- (1112) Unfinished business.
- $(\frac{12}{13})$ New business.
- (1314) Written communication to the city council.
- (1415) Committee reports and council members' comments.
- (1516) City clerk's report.
- (1617) City attorney's report.
- (1718) Executive session (if necessary).
- (18**19**) Adjournment.
- **Section 2.** That the effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: NAYS: ABSENT: ADOPTED:	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney