MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
From: Bryce Ward, Mayor
Date: January 13, 2022
Subject: Ordinance 2022–01
Amending FNSBC 4.32.030 and 4.32.100 Chena Riverfront Commission Members and Quorum

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would amend Borough Code to change the membership requirements of the Chena Riverfront Commission from 11 to 9. In addition, this proposal would change the quorum requirements of the Chena Riverfront Commission from six to five.

I urge your adoption of this ordinance.

Attachments: Ordinance

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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FNSBC 4.32.030 AND FNSBC 4.32.100, CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION, BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) has many opportunities for constituents to engage in the public process; and

WHEREAS, It has been difficult to fill the 11 seats of the Chena Riverfront Commission resulting in challenges meeting quorum to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, The Chena Riverfront Commission membership is comprised of appointments from the Borough (six members) and the City of Fairbanks (five members) for a total of 11 members; and

WHEREAS, The business of the Chena Riverfront Commission is important and it must be able to reliably meet quorum to conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the number of commissioners from 11 to nine would not reduce the ability of the public to stay engaged and participate in the commission’s work; and

WHEREAS, The reduction of commissioners would result in the reduction of one Borough seat and one City of Fairbanks seat; and

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WHEREAS, A reduction of commissioners should reduce the quorum requirement of the commission from six to five.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough:

Section 1. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified.

Section 2. FNSBC 4.32.030(A), Membership – Terms of Office, shall be amended as follows:
A. The commission shall consist of [1]nine persons who must be residents of the borough. The mayor of the borough shall appoint [S]five members, who shall be confirmed by the assembly. The mayor of the city of Fairbanks shall appoint [FIVE]four members, who shall be confirmed by the city council.

Section 3. FNSBC 4.32.100, Meetings, shall be amended as follows:
A. The commission shall meet at least once quarterly.
B. A quorum of the commission shall consist of [S]five members.
C. Approval of an action of the commission shall require a majority of affirmative votes of the members present.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the first Borough business day following its adoption.
ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _________ 2022.

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Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

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April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney

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