

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 21-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING
CHAPTER 12.08 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO
UPDATE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION CODE,
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Public Safety Commission was formed to provide oversight and planning for Borough public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS: the composition of the Northwest Arctic Borough Public Safety Commission needs to be restructured in order to better address Borough public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS: the Assembly has determined that it is in the Borough's best interest to revise Chapter 12.08 of the Borough Code in order to better serve the Borough and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:**

Section 1: Chapter 12.08 of the Borough Code is amended as follows, with additions indicated by underline in blue and deletions by ~~strikethrough in red~~:

12.08.005 Established.

The borough public safety commission, hereafter called the "NABPSC," is established in order to improve all aspects of public safety and law enforcement for the people of the borough by identifying public safety needs, identifying resources available, and to establish and implement strategies and comprehensive plans to meet those needs.

12.08.010 Functions.

The NABPSC shall perform the following functions:

A. Review and make recommendations on all aspects of public safety and law enforcement that come before the assembly and the mayor's administration;

B. Identify and promote services designed to encourage public safety and law enforcement in local communities and enforcement agencies within the borough;

C. Collect and distribute information relevant to the identified borough public safety and law enforcement issues;

D. Coordinate between government of all levels, agencies, and the borough residents in implementing public safety and law enforcement activities, including enforcement of the borough code;

E. Recommend, review and monitor strategies, policies and standards for the development and maintenance of safe trails, roads and other routes of transportation;

F. Adopt reasonable rules and procedures for the conduct of its meetings;

G. The NABPSC shall present to the assembly and mayor a five-year comprehensive plan to address public safety and law enforcement issues identified by borough residents as well as an annual report outlining a yearly strategy to implement the plan, including requests for funding of NABPSC activities.

12.08.020 Organization.

Membership.

~~A. The NABPSC will be composed of one member from each community in the borough. The mayor will solicit letters of interest from community residents, select the most qualified candidates using criteria set forth in subsection (B) of this section, and present the candidate(s) to the assembly for confirmation.~~

A. The NABPSC shall be organized as follows:

1. ~~One member nominated from each of the following: Northwest Arctic Borough, NANA Regional Corporation, Maniilaq Association, Regional Elders Council, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Alaska State Troopers, and the City of Kotzebue Police Department. There shall also be two Public Members nominated to serve on the NABPSC.~~ Village Representatives. One member nominated for each seat:

- a. Buckland/Deering
- b. Noatak/Kivalina

- c. Noorvik/Kiana
- d. Selawik
- e. Ambler/Shungnak/Kobuk
- f. Kotzebue

2. ~~The Mayor, the Assembly President, and the regional Representative and Senator currently serving in the Alaska State Legislature may participate in NABPSC meetings as ex-officio non-voting members.~~ Public Safety Stakeholder Representatives. One seat for each of the following:

- a. Elder commissioner
 - b. Public Safety Commissioner (either from the fire department or police department)
 - c. Alaska State Trooper Commissioner
 - d. Related Issues Commissioners (Individual who works in issue specific- ICWA, domestic violence, sexual assault, community health aide)
 - e. Search and Rescue Commissioner
3. Additional Commissioners:
- a. State representative;
 - b. State senator; and
 - c. Borough mayor.

B. When appointing NABPSC members, the mayor and assembly shall consider the following: regional composition to ensure broad-based representation across the borough, the ability and character of members to represent the borough as a whole, the necessary expertise to identify public safety needs, identify resources available, and to establish and implement a strategy and comprehensive plan to meet those needs. Candidates with past felony convictions will not be considered unless they have been pardoned or otherwise had their convictions expunged from the official criminal record. A commissioner charged with or convicted of a felony while a member of the NABPSC shall be ineligible to continue to sit on the NABPSC. (Ord. 13-06, 2013, Ord. 06-03 § 4, 2006; Ord. 03-07 § 2, 2003; Ord. 03-04 § 1, 2003; Ord. 02-04 § 2, 2002).

C. Other than ex officio members, upon request, each member shall receive compensation at the rate established by NABC 2.80.060 for each meeting day of the commission attended unless that member otherwise receives compensation from their member organization. Compensation shall be paid at the rate established by NABC 2.80.060 per day of attendance at a

convention, conference or similar gathering. Compensation does not include per diem which may be paid separately.

Section 2: This Code Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF February, 2022.




Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF February, 2022.



Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 23rd DAY OF February, 2022.



Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: December 28, 2021.
Second Reading: February 23, 2022.

