

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 20-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO AMEND
CHAPTER 8.08.030 (E) OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH CODE, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: Section 8.08.030 (E) of the Borough Code currently provides that the Planning Commission will invite the Regional Elders Council to nominate an elder representative to serve as an advisory nonvoting member to serve on the Planning Commission for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS: the position is currently vacant and prior to submitting a Public Notice to recruit an elder representative, the Planning Commission has requested that the Code be updated to change the term from a one-year term to a three-year term; and

WHEREAS: the Planning Commission recognizes the benefit to being guided by elder experience and wisdom; and

WHEREAS: the Planning Director and Planning Commission have reviewed the Code and made recommended Code amendments as passed under Planning Commission Resolution 20-11; and

WHEREAS: after reviewing the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Borough Assembly believes that amending Section 8.08.030 (E) of the Borough Code of the Borough Code is in the Borough's best interest and will result in better continuity for the Elder Representative to serve on the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED: by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly:

Section 1: Chapter 2.04 of the Borough Code is amended as follows with additions indicated by underlining in bold and deletions by ~~strikethrough~~ in bold:

8.08.030 Membership.

A. The planning commission will be composed of seven members who are appointed at large by the mayor subject to confirmation by the assembly.

B. When appointing commission members, the mayor and assembly shall consider the following: the ability of members to represent the borough as a whole; the expertise needed on the commission to develop plans and regulations related to specific topics or geographic areas; and other such factors deemed appropriate by the mayor and the assembly at the time a vacancy occurs.

C. Members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members first appointed shall draw lots for one-, two- and three-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies are for the unexpired term.

D. Each member of the commission shall receive compensation at the rate established by NABC 2.80.060 for each meeting day of the commission attended. Compensation shall be paid at the rate established by NABC 2.80.060 for each day of attendance at a convention, conference or similar gathering. Compensation does not include per diem which may be paid separately for attendance at a convention, conference or similar gathering.

E. The planning commission shall invite the regional elders council to nominate one elder representative as an advisory nonvoting member to be appointed to the planning commission. If the mayor agrees, the elder nominee may be appointed to the planning commission for a term of ~~one~~ three years, subject to confirmation by the assembly. Appointments to fill vacancies in the elder position shall be for the unexpired term. The elder representative shall receive compensation and per diem as provided under subsection (D) of this section.

F. Subject to confirmation by the assembly, the mayor shall appoint one youth representative as an advisory nonvoting member to be seated on the planning commission for a term of one year. Appointments to fill vacancies in the youth position shall be for the unexpired term. No youth representative may serve more than one term as youth member on the planning commission. The youth representative position shall be open to all Northwest Arctic Borough residents between the ages of 16 and 25 years of age. The youth representative shall receive compensation and per diem as provided under subsection (D) of this section.

Section 2: This Code Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2020.



Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2020.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2020.



Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: October 28, 2020
Second Reading: November 24, 2020

