

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
ORDINANCE 21-02**

**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 open nomination of an elder representative who is a borough resident to serve as an advisory nonvoting member to serve on the Planning Commission for a term of three years; and

**WHEREAS:** the position is currently vacant and prior to recruiting an elder representative, the Planning Commission has requested that the Code be updated to change the process to open solicitation; 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 is in the Borough's best interest and will result in more effective service for an Elder Representative to assist on the Planning Commission.

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

**Section 1:** Chapter 8.08 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~~ solicit by public notice and open solicitation to a borough resident 60 years or older 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF February, 2021.

  
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Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF February, 2021.

  
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Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF February,  
2021.

  
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Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: January 26, 2021  
Second Reading: February 23, 2021

