NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 23-06

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 Borough Code (Section 12.16.130) establishes the Northwest Arctic Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC); and

WHEREAS: the LEPC has recently been inactive and has historically struggled to maintain consistent meetings and operations; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Public Safety Department’s Strategic Plan (FY2024-2029) identifies the goal of reorganizing and reinstating the Northwest Arctic Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to support community-level emergency planning and hazard mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS: in order to maximize the resources and efficiency of the LEPC, the Borough wishes to task the Public Safety Commission with performing the functions and duties of the LEPC; and

WHEREAS: this structure will help ensure that the LEPC will meet regularly and operate in a sustainable and effective manner.

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.

H. Function as the Northwest Arctic Local Emergency Planning Committee as established under Section 12.16.130.

12.08.020 Organization.

Membership.

A. The NABPSC shall be organized as follows:

1. 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. 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. 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 19th DAY OF Dec 2023.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF Dec 2023.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 12th DAY OF Dec 2023.

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

First Reading: 11-28-2023
Second Reading: 12-19-2023

ATTEST: