

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
ORDINANCE 24-05**

**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 Northwest Arctic Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has recently been inactive and has historically struggled to maintain consistent meetings and operations; and

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 12.08 of the Borough Code for the Public Safety Commission was recently updated to include responsibility for functioning as the LEPC to ensure consistent and effective LEPC functions; and

**WHEREAS:** to ensure that the Public Safety Commission includes all representation necessary to address LEPC functions, the Borough wishes to formally designate a seat for media and a seat for industry.

**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;

f. Media;

g. Industry.

3. Additional Commissioners.

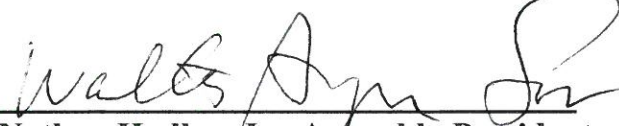
- a. State representative;
- b. State senator; and
- c. Borough mayor.

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 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2024.

  
Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2024.

  
Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26 DAY OF March 2024.

  
Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: Feb 27, 2024  
Second Reading: Mar 26, 2024

