

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 24-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE TO RESTRUCTURE
SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: in 2017, the Borough Assembly adopted Chapter 12.04 of the Borough Code to establish the Public Safety Department, which previously functioned with the Public Services Department; and

WHEREAS: in order to more effectively administer the Borough's Public Safety Department and maximize use of VPSO Grant funds, the Borough wishes to update the Borough Code to modify supervision of the Public Safety Department; and

WHEREAS: in order to more effectively and efficiently manage and operate the Public Safety Department, the new structure will eliminate the director role, with the SAR Coordinator, Fire Chief, and Public Safety Administrator now reporting to the VPSO Coordinator, Darrell Hildebrand, who will in turn will report directly to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS: under the new Department structure, Chris Hatch will continue to oversee the Department's project management and emergency management while transitioning into his new position as a Regional Public Safety Officer (RPSO), while also providing oversight and training for the VPSOs; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor and Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly wish to update the Borough Code as recommended by the Public Safety Department.

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

Section 1: Chapter 12.04 of the Borough Code is amended as follows with additions indicated by underlining in bold and deletions by ~~strikethrough~~ in bold:

**Chapter 12.04
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Sections:

12.04.010 Public safety department created.

12.04.020 Public safety director.

12.04.030 Public safety department functions.

12.04.010 Public safety department created.

There is established a Northwest Arctic Borough public safety department. (Ord. 19-06 § 2, 2019; Ord. 17-11 § 3, 2017. Formerly 10.16.010)

12.04.020 Public safety director.

The public safety department shall be supervised by ~~the public safety director~~ VPSO coordinator, who shall report directly to the mayor. (Ord. 19-06 § 2, 2019; Ord. 17-11 § 3, 2017. Formerly 10.16.020)

12.04.030 Public safety department functions.

The functions of the public safety department include promotion of public safety in the region, firefighting, search and rescue, administration of the borough's village public safety officer program, emergency management, and any other functions incidental to the work of the public safety department and implementation of this chapter. The department will also serve as staff support to the public safety commission and the Northwest Arctic local emergency planning committee. (Ord. 19-06 §§ 2, 4, 2019; Ord. 17-11 § 3, 2017. Formerly 10.16.030)


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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF Nov 2024.



Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF Nov 2024.



Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26th DAY OF Nov 2024.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: Nov 12, 2024
Second Reading: Nov 26, 2024

