

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2802

A Resolution Reestablishing the Juneau Commission on Aging and Repealing Resolution 2279.

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee was established in January 1977 by Resolution 430 (and amended with Resolution 434) to assist with Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) with the development, construction and management of a 42-unit elderly housing project (now known as Fireweed Place); and

WHEREAS, Resolutions 430 and 434 were repealed in August 1985 via Resolution 1121am, which dissolved the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee and established the Juneau Commission on Aging to provide greater opportunities for citizen participation in the planning, development, operation, and maintenance of programs and services for Juneau's senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 1121am was repealed in May 2005 and replaced with Resolution 2279, which changed the Juneau Commission on Aging's membership numbers and age criteria; and

WHEREAS, a series of public meetings were held in May and June of 2017 to determine the future of the commission or a similar advisory group; and

WHEREAS, following the recommendations coming from the public meetings, the Assembly Human Resources Committee agreed it was in the best interest of the community to reestablish the commission with a newly refocused mission and membership structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Commission reestablished. The Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) is reestablished.

Section 2. Membership. The JCOA shall consist of nine voting members appointed from the general public. Members shall be appointed to staggered two-year terms. Incumbents serving on the JCOA at the time this resolution is adopted may continue to serve the remainder of their present term and are eligible for reappointment. The assembly shall appoint members from a diverse population of people with knowledge of issues relating to aging or with expertise on health, housing, transportation, finances, insurance, and other

areas of concern for seniors in Juneau. At least five public members shall be 65 years of age or older. Four public members shall serve without restriction as to age.

Section 3. Purpose and mission. The purpose of the JCOA is to advise the Assembly on issues regarding seniors in Juneau and to promote awareness of Juneau's senior population, the quality of life of seniors; and the role of seniors in the social and economic life of Juneau.

Section 4. Powers and Duties: The JCOA's powers and duties may include the following:

- a. Promote senior citizen participation in the planning and development of programs which benefit and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of senior citizens in the City and Borough of Juneau.
- b. Build a coalition among established groups and support programs working to address the needs of seniors. Assess and identify gaps in the senior service delivery system. Share information within the coalition and report findings to the Assembly.
- c. Act to support the Assembly's Economic Plan as it relates to the senior economy.
- d. Collect facts and statistics, and make studies of, the conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health, financial security, social welfare, and other factors that bear upon the well-being of older Juneauites. Act as plan manager and facilitator of the Juneau Senior Needs Survey.
- e. Coordinate events in May highlighting Older Americans Month.

Section 5. Procedures. The Commission's procedures shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure for Assembly Advisory Board, as amended from time to time.

Section 6. Staff Assistance. The Manager or Manager's designee shall provide such staff support and assistance for the Commission to the extent funds are available for such support.

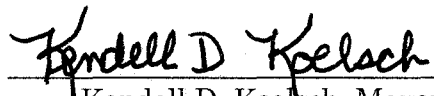
Section 7. Duration. The duration of the Commission shall be as follows:

- a. If the Assembly is unable to appoint a qualified slate of commissioners to serve on the JCOA by December 31, 2017, then the JCOA will sunset as of that date.
- b. If the Commission does not sunset due to the Assembly's inability to appoint qualified members, the Commission shall sunset three years from the effective date of this resolution.

Section 8. Repeal of resolution. Resolution 2279 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2017.



Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:


for Laurie J. Sica, Deputy Clerk
Municipal Clerk