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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution Repealing and Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure.

WHEREAS, the Assembly relies on its committees to generate, review, and mature policies for later consideration by the Assembly, including committees that include all nine Assemblymembers; and

WHEREAS, the scope of Assembly committee power and the binding effect of votes taken by committees with all nine Assemblymembers is complicated because of Robert’s Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, the following general rule of parliamentary law is expressed in various Robert’s Rules: “During the session in which the Assembly has decided a question, another main motion raising the same or substantially same question cannot be introduced.” (136:26-28); and

WHEREAS, Robert’s Rule 52, as applied to a body with less than 50 members like the Assembly, considers a vote taken at a Committee of the Whole a formal decision of the Assembly that is not voted on again (531:2-4); and

WHEREAS, while Robert’s Rule 52 clearly applies to the Committee of the Whole, it does not explicitly apply to the other nine-member committees like the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, application of Robert’s Rule 52 creates unnecessary complexities because the City and Borough of Juneau Charter 5.3(a) requires public comment opportunities when an ordinance is up for public hearing, which can be late in the development of a policy and public comment can enlighten a policy issue that necessitates amendments or renewal of previously decided motions without going through the cumbersome process to suspend the Assembly Rules or other procedural escape valves; and

37 WHEREAS, upon balancing the timing of public comment and the Assembly's scarce
38 meeting time, the Assembly amends the Assembly Rules of Order to reconcile the
39 unnecessary complexities created by Robert's Rule 52 on the Committee of the Whole and
40 any other nine-member Assembly committee with the public comment requirement of
41 Charter 5.3(a) while recognizing occasionally a motion previously decided by a committee
42 may be renewed at the Assembly without being treated as dilatory; and
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44 WHEREAS, the following additional amendments would clarify the rules and make
45 necessary changes to maximize public engagement, public body deliberations, and meeting
46 efficiency.
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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
49 JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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51 **Section 1. Rules of Procedure.** The following rules of procedure are adopted:
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53 **RULE 1. AGENDA.**

54 A. Order of Business. At all regular meetings the order of business shall be:

- 55 I. Call to Order
- 56 II. Flag Salute
- 57 III. Land Acknowledgment
- 58 IV. Roll Call
- 59 V. Special Order of Business
- 60 VI. Approval of Minutes
- 61 VII. Manager's Requests for Agenda Changes
- 62 VIII. Public Participation on Non-agenda Items (Not to Exceed a Total of 20
63 Minutes, Nor More than Three Minutes for Any Individual)
- 64 IX. Consent Agenda
 - 65 A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other than Ordinances
66 for Introduction
 - 67 B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes
 - 68 C. Assembly Action
- 69 X. Ordinances for Public Hearing
 - 70 A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - 71 B. Public Hearing
 - 72 C. Assembly Action
- 73 XI. Unfinished Business
 - 74 A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - 75 B. Public Hearing
 - 76 C. Assembly Action
 - 77 D. Potential Issues for Reconsideration
- 78 XII. New Business
 - 79 A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - 80 B. Public Hearing

- 81 C. Assembly Action
- 82 XIII. Staff Reports
- 83 XIV. Assembly Reports
- 84 A. Mayor's Report
- 85 B. Committee, Liaison Reports, Assemblymember Comments and
- 86 Questions
- 87 C. Presiding Officer Reports
- 88 XV. Continuation of Public Participation on Public Participation on Non-agenda
- 89 Items
- 90 XVI. Executive Session
- 91 XVII. Supplemental Materials
- 92 XVIII. Adjournment

93 B. Agenda Preparation. The agenda shall be prepared by the Manager subject to
94 review and revision by the Mayor. The Mayor or the Manager shall brief the Assembly as to
95 any revisions. Other matters may be considered under administrative reports, unfinished
96 business, or new business as applicable.

97 C. Consent Agenda. The Manager shall include under the consent agenda:

- 98 1. Ordinances for introduction;
- 99 2. Resolutions;
- 100 3. Bid awards requiring Assembly concurrence; and
- 101 4. Other items requiring Assembly action which do not involve substantial public
- 102 policy questions.

103 The Manager shall include with the agenda such supplemental material or reports as may
104 be necessary to explain each item on the consent agenda and shall include a specific
105 recommendation for Assembly action on each item. Material, reports, and recommendations
106 submitted in writing to each member present and which are available for public inspection
107 prior to the Assembly meeting need not be read aloud, but the minutes shall reflect the
108 Manager's recommendation on each consent agenda item adopted. Upon adoption of a
109 motion to adopt the consent agenda, all consent agenda items subject to the motion are
110 adopted as recommended by the Manager. The motion to adopt may not be amended;
111 provided, upon the request of any member, an item on the consent agenda shall be removed
112 from the consent agenda and placed under the appropriate regular agenda item for
113 Assembly action. A notice or motion for reconsideration or a motion to rescind a consent
114 agenda motion shall contain reference to the specific consent agenda item which is the
115 subject of the notice or motion and only that item shall be affected by the notice or motion.

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117 **RULE 2. MEETINGS.**

118 A. Date and Time of Regular Meetings. The Assembly shall regularly meet at 7:00
119 p.m. every third Monday according to a schedule approved by the Assembly and published
120 by the Clerk's office. The Assembly may by motion or otherwise change the date of a
121 meeting as may be necessary or convenient.

122 B. Place of Regular Meetings. Regular Assembly meetings shall be held in the
123 Assembly Chambers at the Municipal Building at 155 Heritage Way, Juneau, Alaska.
124 However, the location of a regular meeting may be changed (a) up to 24 hours in advance of
125 the meeting by the Assembly, at a preceding regular or special meeting, by motion or
126 otherwise, upon designating a different place for a particular meeting; or (b) if the meeting
127 was previously noticed with remote participation, by the Mayor, the committee chair, or any
128 three Assemblymembers due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. public health requirement,
129 equipment or facility problem in Assembly Chambers, inability to get a quorum in-person,
130 weather) to hold the meeting virtually with only remote participation (i.e. video conferencing
131 technology).

132 C. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called and held as provided by the
133 Charter.

134 D. Time of Adjournment. Meetings will adjourn at 11:00 p.m. unless extended by a
135 vote of at least six members.

136 E. Public seating area. People in a meeting room must comply with all laws, including
137 occupancy and public health requirements.

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139 **RULE 3. ASSEMBLYMEMBER ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR REGULAR MEETINGS.**

140 A. Excused Absences. Any absence of an Assemblymember from a regular meeting of
141 the Assembly shall be deemed to be unexcused unless the Assemblymember is absent from
142 the meeting as a result of attending to official business on behalf of the City and Borough of
143 Juneau, for extenuating medical reasons, or for other significant cause, in which case the
144 absence shall be deemed to be excused.

145 B. Attendance Report. Upon request of the Human Resources Committee, the
146 Manager shall direct the Clerk to provide the Assembly quarterly reports on attendance at
147 regular Assembly meetings.

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149 **RULE 4. LEGISLATION.**

150 A. Drafting. The Attorney shall draft ordinances and resolutions:

151 1. For presentation to the Assembly only

152 (a) by vote or consensus of the Assembly,

153 (b) by vote of a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee,

154 (c) by request of the Mayor, the Manager, or any member, or

155 (d) on the Attorney's own initiative to correct errors not otherwise correctable
156 in any section or to make amendments to Title 01.45 the Conflict of
157 Interest Code, Title 01.50 the Appellate Code, Title 01.60 the Regulation
158 Procedures Code, Title 03.30 the Code Enforcement Code, Title 42 the
159 Penal Code, or any section imposing duties on the Attorney.

160 2. For presentation to a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee only by vote of the
161 committee, request of its chair, or by direction of the Assembly.

162 B. Procedure. Upon presentation of an ordinance, any member may move that it be
163 introduced and set for public hearing, referred to committee, deferred, or rejected as
164 provided in Charter section 5.3. If the motion is for referral to committee, the Mayor shall
165 refer the ordinance to the appropriate committee. The Mayor's referral may be changed by a
166 majority vote of the members of the Assembly. If the motion is for introduction, the motion
167 shall set a date for the public hearing. All such motions may be amended.

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RULE 5. COMMITTEES.

170 A. Standing Committees. The Assembly shall have the following standing committees:

- 171 1. Committee of the Whole
172 2. Finance Committee
173 3. Human Resources Committee
174 4. Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee
175 5. Public Works and Facilities Committee
176 6. Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee (per Charter 13.8)

177 Any member of the Assembly may sit with any committee at all times; such member shall
178 have the right to participate in committee discussion except that members of the committee
179 shall have priority in obtaining the floor and only committee members may vote. Standing
180 committee meetings are work sessions without public testimony unless otherwise noticed at
181 the time of packet publication, or earlier, by the committee chair.

182 B. Special Committees. The Assembly shall have such special committees as may be
183 considered necessary. Special committees automatically terminate upon completion of the
184 committee's assignment.

185 C. Selection, Process, and Duties of Committees of the Assembly.

186 1. Standing Committees.

187 (a) With the exception of the Committee of the Whole, the Finance Committee,
188 and the Human Resources Committee in proceedings pursuant to Rule
189 5(C)(2)(f), there shall be not more than four Assemblymembers appointed
190 to each standing committee of the Assembly. Each Assemblymember will
191 be appointed to at least one, but not more than three, standing committees,
192 in addition to the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole.

193 (b) Nominations for standing committee appointments and for the position of
194 chair of each such committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall be
195 subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for
196 committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent
197 reasonably possible, that there is a balance and diversity of opinion,
198 viewpoints, and perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for
199 committee membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember
200 nominated for appointment to each committee who has expertise in the
201 areas assigned to the committee.

- 202 (c) Each year following the regular municipal election, all Assemblymembers
203 will be given an opportunity to indicate in writing which of the standing
204 committees they request to serve on. At least two of the nominations for
205 appointment for each standing committee shall be made from those
206 Assemblymembers, if any, who have requested to serve on the committee
207 for which the appointments are to be made. The nomination for
208 membership and chair positions shall be made by the Mayor and ratified by
209 the Assembly within seven days of the second meeting after the
210 certification of the regular municipal election each year. All committee
211 members shall be appointed to serve for a term expiring upon ratification
212 by the Assembly of the committee appointments following the next regular
213 municipal election. All committee members serve at the pleasure of the
214 Assembly.
- 215 (d) A standing committee may at the call of its chair or the vote of its
216 membership take up any matter within the scope of its charge established
217 by these rules and not pending as legislation authorized by the Assembly.
218 Matters not within the scope of any standing committee, or within the
219 scope of more than one standing committee shall be assigned by the Mayor.
- 220 (e) Each committee shall refer information to and coordinate activities with
221 other appropriate committees. Issues referred to another committee and
222 any directions to the Manager must have the concurrence of a majority of
223 the committee members.
- 224 2. Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee may take up
225 issues relating to the health and well-being of Juneau citizens and their
226 participation in local government. The duties of the Human Resources
227 Committee shall include:
- 228 (a) Nominating citizens to all CBJ boards and commissions. Appointment to
229 such bodies shall be made by the full Assembly;
- 230 (b) Making recommendations to the full Assembly regarding the issuance,
231 renewal or transfer of liquor licenses, restaurant designation permits, and
232 marijuana licenses;
- 233 (c) Reviewing and proposing amendments to these rules;
- 234 (d) Reserved.
- 235 (e) Reserved.
- 236 (f) Membership for Certain Appointments. The full Human Resources
237 Committee shall meet as needed to recommend appointments to the
238 Planning Commission, the Hospital Board, the Ski Area Board, the Docks
239 and Harbors Board, and the Airport Board. The Mayor and all
240 Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the full Committee and the
241 Human Resources chair shall serve as chair at these meetings.
- 242 3. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may take up issues relevant to
243 the fiscal status of the CBJ. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as

- 244 members of the Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee shall
245 include:
- 246 (a) Review of the Manager's proposed budget and recommendations to the
247 Assembly for a final budget;
- 248 (b) Review of the fiscal policies of the CBJ as deemed necessary by the
249 committee.
- 250 4. Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole may take up those issues
251 within the jurisdiction of multiple committees and those warranting detailed
252 review prior to consideration by the Assembly. The Mayor and all
253 Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the Committee of the Whole.
254 Generally, the rules of the Assembly shall be followed in the Committee of the
255 Whole, provided that, at the discretion of the chair, the rules may be relaxed
256 and the rules relating to participation by the presiding officer and the number
257 of times a member may speak shall not be in effect unless otherwise ordered by
258 a majority of the committee. In preparing the committee agenda the chair shall
259 consult with the Mayor.
- 260 5. Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee. The Lands, Housing,
261 and Economic Development Committee may take up issues relevant to the
262 lands, housing, economic development, water or air within the City and
263 Borough. The duties of the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development
264 Committee shall include recommendations to the Assembly regarding:
- 265 (a) The preparation and revision of a land management plan and the
266 acquisition and disposal of CBJ lands;
- 267 (b) The administration of the lands fund and the mineral holdings of the CBJ;
- 268 (c) Implementation of the Long Range Waterfront Development Plan, and
269 issues relating to use and development of the CBJ waterfront;
- 270 (d) Promotion of improved housing availability in the City and Borough; and
271 (e) Promotion of a vibrant and diverse local economy.
- 272 6. Public Works and Facilities Committee. The PWFC may take up issues
273 relevant to the infrastructure of CBJ, including transportation and utilities.
274 The duties of the PWFC shall include:
- 275 (a) Making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the capital
276 improvement program required by Charter section 9.2 and other capital
277 improvement plans and lists;
- 278 (b) Advising each newly elected Assembly of unfinished capital projects to be
279 continued;
- 280 (c) Making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the preparation and
281 revision of an areawide transportation plan;
- 282 (d) Making recommendations related to energy efficiency, renewable resources,
283 waste reduction and recycling, global warming, and green building.

284 7. Special Committees. Nominations for special committee appointments and the
285 chair position of each special committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall
286 be subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for special
287 committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent
288 reasonably possible, that there is a balance of opinion, viewpoints, and
289 perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for committee
290 membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember nominated for
291 appointment to each such committee who has expertise in the areas assigned to
292 the committee. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Assembly.

293 D. Scope of Committees. Committees, including the Committee of the Whole and the
294 Finance Committee, are empowered to only make recommendations. No vote taken at an
295 Assembly committee, including at the Committee of the Whole or at the Finance Committee,
296 is binding on the Assembly. At the Assembly, an Assemblymember is free to move the
297 Assembly to amend a prior adopted motion and renew a failed motion from a committee, and
298 such motions can pass by five votes in favor.

299 E. Quorum of Committees. For the Committee of the Whole and the Finance
300 Committee, a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. For committees with
301 seven or eight members, four of the membership shall constitute a quorum, for committees
302 with four, five, or six members, three of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

303 F. Voting. The minimum vote required to take official action shall be the same as that
304 constituting a quorum; provided, however, that in the case of a tie vote, the action fails.

305 G. Role of Board Liaison. Board liaisons shall be recommended by the board to the
306 Assembly for approval. Any board liaison to an Assembly committee should sit with the
307 committee at all times. A board liaison may have the right to participate in committee
308 discussions at the pleasure of the chair of the Assembly committee except that Assembly
309 members of the committee shall have priority in obtaining the floor. Only Assembly
310 members on the committee may vote.

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RULE 6. ASSEMBLY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

313 A. Appointment of Liaisons. The Mayor shall nominate one member of the Assembly
314 to serve as the liaison to each of the following City and Borough boards and commissions:

- 315 Planning Commission
- 316 Hospital Board
- 317 Docks and Harbors Board
- 318 Airport Board
- 319 School Board
- 320 Ski Area Board

321 The nominations shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly. Liaisons to other entities
322 may be appointed from time to time.

323 B. Role of Assembly Liaison. Assembly liaisons serve as a link between the Assembly
324 and the board or commission to establish and maintain communication between the bodies
325 on issues, projects, and other matters of mutual concern and interest. Assembly liaisons
326 should regularly attend appointed board or commission meetings. Assembly liaisons shall
327 not have the power to vote on the board or commission and are not to be counted in
328 determining whether a quorum of the board or commission is present, unless specifically
329 identified as voting members in the governing legislation of a particular board. An Assembly
330 liaison may participate in board or commission discussions when invited by the board chair.

331 C. Other Meetings. The Assembly encourages its members to attend meetings of other
332 boards, commissions, and citizen groups and inform the Assembly on the activities of those
333 bodies and the issues before them, as appropriate.

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335 **RULE 7. DEBATE.**

336 A. Speaking on the Question. A member or the Manager may speak more than once to
337 the same question at the same stage of proceedings provided that priority of access to the
338 floor shall be given to members who have not spoken on the question. Members shall
339 endeavor to provide the body with relevant facts and arguments and shall strive to avoid
340 redundancy.

341 B. Asking Questions. After obtaining recognition from the chair, a member may ask
342 direct questions of another member of the Assembly or to a person appearing before the
343 Assembly. The questions should not be argumentative.

344 C. Decorum. Members shall not question the motives, competency, or integrity of any
345 person except as necessary to decide an appeal, personnel evaluation, contract award, or
346 other matter in which such issues are clearly relevant. The chair shall admonish any
347 member violating this rule and if violations are severe or repeated, may without a vote
348 declare a recess not to exceed ten minutes.

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350 **RULE 8. RULES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

351 When permitted by Rule 14, public participation during hearings on ordinances and
352 matters other than appeals will be conducted according to the following rules, which will be
353 posted in the Assembly Chambers and at www.juneau.gov:

354 A. The hearing will be conducted by the Mayor as chair.

355 B. The Mayor will open the hearing by summarizing its purposes and reemphasizing
356 the rules of procedure.

357 C. The Mayor may set a time limit for public testimony, for individual speakers, or
358 both if it appears necessary to gain maximum participation and conserve time, and may for
359 the same reason disallow all questions from the Assembly to members of the public. The
360 time limit may be extended by a majority of the Assembly. The time limit for individual
361 speakers shall be uniform for all speakers, and shall be strictly enforced. Speakers shall not
362 have the right to transfer their unused time to other speakers, but the Mayor may grant
363 additional time to a person speaking on behalf of a group.

- 364 D. People are encouraged to submit written presentations and exhibits to the
365 Municipal Clerk and the Assembly via email (boroughassembly@juneau.gov).
- 366 E. The Mayor will set forth the item or subject to be discussed and will rule non-
367 germane speech out of order. A member of the public may not be stopped for speaking
368 because of the viewpoint being expressed. However, a person may be stopped for disrupting,
369 disturbing, or impeding the meeting when speaking longer than the time limit, when being
370 unduly repetitious, or when discussing or presenting irrelevant matters. Such non-germane
371 speech disrupts, disturbs, or impedes public meetings when the Assembly is prevented from
372 accomplishing its business in a reasonably efficient manner or when the speech interferes
373 with the rights of other speakers. A person stopped for non-germane speech during a
374 meeting is welcome to submit a writing, presentation, recording, and exhibit to the
375 Municipal Clerk and to the Assembly via email (boroughassembly@juneau.gov).
- 376 F. All speakers, members of the public and members of the Assembly, will be
377 recognized by the chair by surname.
- 378 G. Members of the public will precede their remarks by stating their names and,
379 unless otherwise allowed by the Mayor, the area of town in which they reside.
- 380 H. Members of the Assembly will not direct questions to each other or to the chair
381 during public participation except as to the conduct of the hearing.
- 382 I. Members of the Assembly may direct questions to members of the public only to
383 obtain clarification of the material presented. The questions should not be argumentative,
384 nor may they have the purpose or effect of unreasonably extending any time limit applicable
385 to public speakers.
- 386 J. The public may direct questions to the Assembly or the administration.
- 387 K. The public may direct questions to the chair only as it pertains to the conduct of the
388 hearing.
- 389 L. The Manager may participate in the same manner as the members of the Assembly.
- 390 M. There shall be an opportunity for public participation on non-agenda items at each
391 regular meeting of the Assembly. Such public participation shall be limited to no more than
392 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed
393 three minutes. Assemblymembers may ask questions of the speaker but should not
394 deliberate at that time on matters raised or answer questions directed to the members.
- 395 N. Members of the public that want to provide oral public comment via remote
396 participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting (i.e. call the Municipal
397 Clerk Office or register online, when available). A person is not required to notify the
398 Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting when providing in-person oral public comments.
- 399 O. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. To the extent allowed by
400 law (i.e. A.S. 15.13.040 and A.S.15.13.145), a spokesperson designated by a person with a
401 disability wishing to provide oral public testimony should advise the Municipal Clerk.
402 Please contact the Clerk's office prior to any meeting, preferably 36 hours ahead, so
403 arrangements can be made if other accommodation requests like closed captioning or sign

404 language interpreter services are desired. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278,
405 TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.gov.

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407 **RULE 9. MOTIONS.**

408 A. Seconds. Seconds to motions are not required.

409 B. Renewal of Defeated Motions. Defeated motions may be renewed only under
410 suspension of the rules.

411 C. Priority of Privileged Motions. Privileged motions shall have the following priority:

412 1. Fix time to adjourn

413 2. Give notice of reconsideration

414 3. Adjourn

415 4. Recess

416 5. Question of privilege of the body

417 6. Question of personal privilege

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419 **RULE 10. CLERICAL ERRORS.**

420 Clerical errors that do not affect the substance of an ordinance or resolution, such as
421 errors in numbering or errors in spelling, may be corrected by the Attorney upon discovery
422 of the error.

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424 **RULE 11. VOTE REQUIRED.**

425 The affirmative vote of five members of the Assembly shall be sufficient to take any
426 action except as otherwise provided by Charter or ordinance and except in the following
427 instances, which require the affirmative vote of at least six members:

428 A. Limiting, extending, or closing debates

429 B. Suspension of the rules

430 C. Setting of or postponement of special orders

431 D. Objection to consideration of question

432 E. Motion for immediate vote (previous question)

433 F. Rescind

434 G. To take up a motion for reconsideration at the meeting at which the action to be
435 reconsidered was taken

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437 **RULE 12. PARLIAMENTARIAN.**

438 The Attorney shall act as the parliamentarian with the Municipal Clerk to act as
439 parliamentarian in the absence of the Attorney.

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441 **RULE 13. SESSIONS.**

442 Each regular or special meeting of the Assembly constitutes a session for purposes of
443 the rules.

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445 **RULE 14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

446 A. Public participation shall be permitted on all items on the agenda, except public
447 participation is not allowed on the following:

- 448 i. for committee meetings advertised as work sessions only;
449 ii. items before the body for information purposes only;
450 iii. quasi-judicial items (i.e. appeals) after the body decided to accept the quasi-
451 judicial item for further consideration (CBJC 01.50.030(e)(1)). Public
452 participation—including by named parties—is authorized to aid the body in
453 deciding whether to accept an appeal, but public participation—including by
454 parties—is prohibited after the body makes the acceptance decision. This limited
455 public participation rule is necessary to protect the due process rights of the
456 parties.

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458 B. Despite the prohibitions in Rule 14.A, the committee chair or majority of the body
459 may authorize public participation on a specific agenda item when in the best interest of the
460 community.

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462 C. Public participation shall be permitted on a motion to recess into executive session
463 prior to the vote on such a motion.

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465 D. When public participation is provided, public participation is confined to that agenda
466 item. No person except a member or the Manager may participate in Assembly proceedings
467 except as provided in the agenda item for public participation. However, the Attorney or
468 Municipal Clerk may comment on professional or procedural aspects.

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470 **RULE 15. RECONSIDERATION.**

471 A. What May Be Reconsidered. Main motions, amendments to main motions,
472 privileged motions involving substantive questions, and appeals are subject to
473 reconsideration. Procedural motions may not be reconsidered.

474 B. Who May Reconsider. Any member, whether or not that member voted on the
475 prevailing side, may give notice of or move for reconsideration.

476 C. Effect of Notice. The effect of giving notice of reconsideration is to suspend all
477 action on the subject of the notice until a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon

478 or until the time within which the motion for reconsideration may be made and acted upon
479 has expired.

480 D. Time in Which Notice Must Be Taken Up. A notice of reconsideration expires
481 unless a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon prior to adjournment of the next
482 regular meeting succeeding the meeting at which the action to be reconsidered occurred.

483 E. Successive Reconsideration. There may be only one reconsideration even though
484 the action of the Assembly after reconsideration is opposite from the action of the Assembly
485 before reconsideration.

486 F. Precedence. A motion for reconsideration has precedence over every main motion
487 and may be taken up at any time during the meeting when there is no other motion on the
488 floor.

489 G. Effect. A motion for reconsideration completely cancels the previous vote on the
490 question to be reconsidered as though the previous vote had never been taken.

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492 **RULE 16. REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

493 When a meeting is conducted entirely remotely (i.e. video conferencing technology), then
494 all members are expected to attend remotely. The following apply to meetings that are held
495 completely in-person or as a hybrid (partially in-person and partially remotely):

496 A. A member may participate remotely in an Assembly meeting, or an Assembly
497 Committee meeting, if the member declares that circumstances prevent physical attendance
498 at the meeting. If the Mayor chooses to participate remotely, the Deputy Mayor shall
499 preside. If a committee chair chooses to participate remotely, they should designate an
500 alternative committee member to chair the meeting unless the entire meeting is held
501 remotely.

502 B. Reserved.

503 C. The member shall notify the Clerk and the presiding officer, if reasonably
504 practicable, at least four hours in advance of a meeting which the member proposes to
505 attend remotely by and shall provide the physical address of the location, the telephone
506 number, and any available facsimile, email, or other document transmission service.

507 D. At the meeting, the Clerk shall establish the remote connection technology when
508 the call to order is imminent.

509 E. A member participating remotely shall be counted as present for purposes of
510 quorum, discussion, and voting.

511 F. The member participating remotely shall make every effort to participate in the
512 entire meeting and must have video turned on except during breaks. From time to time
513 during the meeting the presiding officer shall confirm the connection.

514 G. The member participating remotely may ask to be recognized by the presiding
515 officer to the same extent as any other member.

516 H. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Clerk shall provide backup materials to
517 members participating remotely.

518 I. If the remote technology connection cannot be made or is made then lost, the
519 meeting shall commence or continue as scheduled and the Clerk shall attempt to establish
520 or restore the connection, provided that if the member participating remotely is necessary to
521 achieve a quorum, the meeting shall be at ease, recess, or adjourn as necessary until the
522 remote connection is established or restored.

523 J. Meeting times shall be expressed in Alaska time regardless of the time at the
524 location of any member participating remotely.

525 K. Participation remotely shall be allowed for regular, special, and committee
526 meetings of the Assembly.

527 L. Remarks by members participating remotely shall be transmitted so as to be
528 audible by all members and the public in attendance at the meeting, provided that in
529 executive session the remarks shall be audible only to those included in the executive
530 session.

531 M. Any member of the public present with the member participating remotely shall be
532 allowed to speak to the same extent the person was physically present at the meeting.

533 N. As used in these rules, “remote” means any system for synchronous two-way voice
534 communication (i.e. telephone) or video conferencing technology. If a member needs to
535 participate remotely, video conferencing technology is preferred. “Mayor” includes the
536 Acting Mayor or any other member serving as chair of the meeting.

537 O. Regular and special meetings of the following entities must be recorded and live
538 broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful remote public
539 observance and participation, when allowed, of the public meeting:

- 540 i. Assembly
- 541 ii. Assembly Standing Committees
- 542 iii. Planning Commission
- 543 iv. Hospital Board
- 544 v. Docks and Harbors Board
- 545 vi. Airport Board
- 546 vii. Ski Area Board
- 547 viii. Systemic Racism Review Committee

548 Any other board, commission, or committee meeting with anticipated substantial public
549 interest should be recorded and live broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to
550 provide meaningful remote public observance and participation, when allowed, of the public
551 meeting.

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553 **RULE 17. ADOPTION OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER.**

554 The conduct of the meetings of Assembly shall be governed by the Mayor according to
555 the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided by Charter, law,
556 or these rules.

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558 **Section 2. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution No. 2976 is repealed.

559 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
560 adoption.

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562 Adopted this 1st day of April 2024.
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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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566 Attest:



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570 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk