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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO NO. 2017-43**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.040 TO PROVIDE THAT BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR BUILDING SAFETY SERVICES IN THE ANCHORAGE BUILDING SAFETY SERVICE AREA COLLECTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY ARE EXPENDED ONLY FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO APPLICANTS FOR PERMITS UNDER ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 23.**

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2 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Building Safety Service Area (“ABSSA”) was established  
3 in Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) section 27.30.040 pursuant to Anchorage Municipal  
4 Charter § 9.01, and as authorized by AS 29.35.470; and

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6 WHEREAS, building safety services are provided in the Anchorage Building Safety  
7 Service Area; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Municipality has not levied taxes under the ABSSA to support building  
10 safety services since approximately 2003, relying instead on ABSSA account surpluses and  
11 permitting fees; and

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13 WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2008, the Municipality transferred approximately \$2.8  
14 Million from building safety accounts to fund other municipal functions; and

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16 WHEREAS, since that time permit application fees have risen substantially; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is fair and equitable to provide assurances to the public that funds  
19 raised through permit fees be expended only on building safety permit services, now  
20 therefore,

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22 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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24 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 27.30.040 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows (*language indicating no amendment is included for context only and other subsections*  
26 *not affected are not set out*):

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28 **27.30.040 - Anchorage Building Safety Service Area (ABSSA).**

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30 A. There is established, pursuant to section 9.01 of the Anchorage Municipal  
31 Charter, a service area within the municipality to be the Anchorage Building  
32 Safety Service Area (ABSSA) of the municipality, as outlined on the map  
33 located in section 27.30.700. The Anchorage Building Safety Service Area  
34 consists of the area formerly known as the City of Anchorage, the area of the  
35 Greater Anchorage Area Borough formerly known as Service Area 30, the  
36 Glenn Heights Area and the Evenson Service Area.  
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