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6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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8 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 09
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10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FNSBC 3.16.040 RULES FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO
11 ALLOW FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY TELECONFERENCE AT REGULAR AND SPECIAL
12 MEETINGS OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
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14 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 emergency, members of the public were
15 allowed to provide testimony telephonically; and
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17 WHEREAS, Some members of the public have commented that they would
18 not ordinarily be able to come to testify in person, due to personal commitments such as
19 childcare or the length of the drive; and
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21 WHEREAS, Increasing access of the public to the workings of their local
22 government is a valuable civic virtue; and
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24 WHEREAS, Allowing members of the public to continue to testify
25 telephonically or by videoconference even during in-person assembly meetings will make
26 it easier for more members of the public to testify and will facilitate public participation
27 with local government.
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
30 North Star Borough:
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32 Section 1. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall
33 be codified.
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35 Section 2. Subsection E is added to Section 3.16.040, to read as follows:
36 E. Rules applicable to Public Participation by Teleconference.

37 A person may provide citizen comments and/or testify on public hearing items by
38 teleconference (e.g., telephone, videoconferencing, or similar technology) provided that
39 reasonable technical capabilities are available at the meeting location to allow
40 participation by teleconference. To participate by teleconference, the person shall sign-
41 up to testify in the manner prescribed by the Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
42 If the person is not available at time of citizens comments or testimony for the item, the

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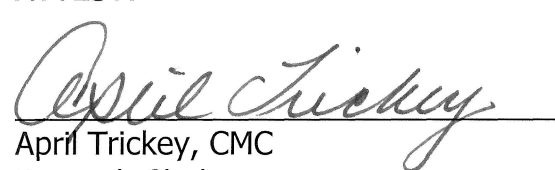
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43 chair will take comments from the next person on the sign-up sheet. A person
44 participating by teleconference must be able to hear and engage in discussion and be
45 audible to all persons participating in the meeting.

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47 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the
48 first Borough business day following its adoption.

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50 ADOPTED THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

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55 Mindy O'Neall
56 Presiding Officer

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58 ATTEST:
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61 April Trickey, CMC
62 Borough Clerk

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66 Yeses: Cooper, Wilson, Lyke, Tomaszewski, Sanford, Cash, Williams, O'Neall
67 Noes: None
68 Other: Lojewski (Excused)

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