

Introduced by: Mayor Jim Matherly
Introduced: March 25, 2019

ORDINANCE NO. 6100

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION TO MATCH THE
AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, the Chena Riverfront Commission is a joint City of Fairbanks and FNSB Commission that is charged with planning and fostering the development of riverfront property along the Chena River with an emphasis on the area from Fort Wainwright to the confluence of the Chena and Tanana Rivers; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the FNSB Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 2017-46, which added to the responsibilities of the Chena Riverfront Commission review of rezonings, conditional uses, and variances for properties along the Chena River; and

WHEREAS, because this is a joint commission, the City code and the Borough code should mirror one another.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That FGC Sec. 2.429, Responsibilities, is hereby amended by adding new subsections 5, 6, and 7 as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font]:

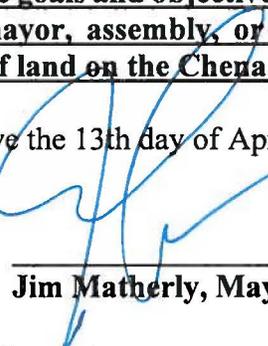
Sec. 2-429. Responsibilities.

The Chena Riverfront Commission shall:

- (1) As its initial task, review all plans which have been developed in the past, select the elements of the plans which, in the opinion of a majority of the members of the commission, are best suited to the thoughtful and careful development of the Chena Riverfront, and to create a final draft riverfront plan to guide and foster development of the riverfront. This plan must be adopted by the assembly and the city council after review and recommendations by the planning commission and the parks and recreation commission. If one or both governing bodies fail to approve the draft plan, the mayor of each body shall appoint two persons for the purpose of meeting to negotiate an acceptable plan, which shall be reviewed again by the governing bodies.
- (2) Review the riverfront plan and bring proposed revisions to the assembly and city council for adoption after review and recommendations by the planning commission and the parks and recreation commission.
- (3) Develop and foster cooperative projects to support the goals and objectives of the riverfront plan and encourage volunteer contributions of funds, in-kind donations, and labor to help carry out these projects.

- (4) Assist the borough and the city in the application for state and federal funds to support riverfront development projects.
- (5) In its discretion, consistent with the goals and objectives of the riverfront plan, support, assist, or provide recommendations to other organizations or property owners with riverfront development projects or activities.
- (6) In its discretion, review proposed development of borough-owned land as well as requests for rezonings, conditional uses, variances, and highway projects on parcels located within 150 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the Chena River for conformity with the land development guidelines set forth in this chapter and consistency with the riverfront plan.
- (a) Within 24 days of the commission's receipt of an application, the commission may:
- (i) Make a recommendation to community planning department staff regarding requests for conditional uses and variances;
 - (ii) Make a recommendation to community planning department staff, the planning commission, or the assembly regarding rezonings and highway projects;
 - (iii) Make a recommendation to borough staff regarding development of borough-owned land.
- (b) The department of community planning shall provide notice to the applicant at least five days prior to the date of a meeting of the commission under this subsection.
- (7) In its discretion, consistent with the goals and objectives of the riverfront plan, make recommendations to the mayor, assembly, or the City of Fairbanks regarding uses and development of land on the Chena riverfront.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance becomes effective the 13th day of April 2019.



Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Rogers, Ottersten, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth
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 ABSENT: None
 ADOPTED: April 8, 2019

ATTEST:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney