

ORDINANCE NO. 6197

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTIONS 2-422 AND 2-430, CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION, BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has many opportunities for constituents to engage in the public process, including City representation on the Chena Riverfront Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult to fill seats on the Chena Riverfront Commission, resulting in challenges meeting quorum to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Chena Riverfront Commission membership is comprised of appointments from the Fairbanks North Star Borough (six members) and the City of Fairbanks (five members) for a total of 11 members; and

WHEREAS, the business of the Chena Riverfront Commission is important, and it must be able to reliably meet quorum to conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of commissioners from 11 to nine would not diminish the opportunity for the public to stay engaged and participate in the commission's work; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of commissioners would result in the reduction of one Borough seat and one City of Fairbanks seat and would reduce the quorum requirement from six members to five; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Bryce Ward has introduced Ordinance No. 2022-01 to the Borough Assembly to accomplish the same in the FNSBC.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Section 2-422, Membership, is hereby amended as follows [deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font; new text in **bold/underline** font]:

Sec. 2-422. Membership.

The Chena Riverfront Commission shall consist of ~~nine~~^{**nine**} 14 persons who are residents of the borough. The mayor of the borough shall appoint ~~five~~^{**six**} members, who shall be confirmed by the assembly. The mayor of the city shall appoint ~~four~~^{**five**} members, who shall be confirmed by the city council.

SECTION 2. Fairbanks General Code Section 2-430, Meetings, is hereby amended as follows [deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font; new text in **bold/underline** font]:

Sec. 2-430. Meetings.

- (a) The Chena Riverfront Commission shall meet at least once quarterly.
- (b) A quorum of the commission shall consist of **fivesix** members.
- (c) Approval of an action of the commission shall require a majority of affirmative votes of the members present.


SECTION 3. That the effective date of this Ordinance is the 2nd day of April 2022.



Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Rogers, Therrien, Clark, Marney, Gibson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cleworth
ADOPTED: March 28, 2022

ATTEST:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul Ewers, City Attorney