

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 08-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AMENDING BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 2, *ADMINISTRATION*, CHAPTER 2.08 *ASSEMBLY MEETINGS* SECTION 2.08.10

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 44.62.310 states “attendance and participation at meetings by members of the public or by members of a governmental body may be by teleconferencing;” and

WHEREAS, Assembly members who attend by teleconference may not be able to communicate as well with other Assembly members, the public, and the administration as could someone in attendance; and

WHEREAS, decisions made regarding public policy are best made in person, rather than by telephone; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly desires to establish a policy to allow attendance by teleconference of Assembly members only when a quorum is necessary to conduct business or an emergency meeting is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH:

Section 1. **Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the Aleutians East borough code.

Section 2. **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. **Effectiveness.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Section 4: **Adoption by Section.** Title 2 Administration Chapter 2.08 *Assembly Meetings* 2.08.010 is hereby amended to add subparagraphs (D) and (E) to read as follows:

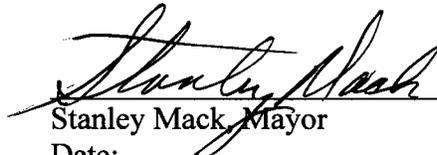
2.08.010 Regular Assembly Meetings.

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- B. The regular place of assembly meetings shall be at the borough office at Sand Point, Alaska. In order to give the public a greater opportunity to attend and participate in meetings of the borough assembly, the assembly may hold regular and special meetings in public locations throughout the borough other than at the regular meeting place. When the assembly determines to hold a meeting at a date, time or place other than the regular place, the clerk shall give notice of such meeting. The notice shall either be published in a newspaper or general circulation within the borough at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting or shall be posted in at least one public place in each city and major community within the borough at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting.
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INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

Jan 14 '08
Feb 24 '08



Stanley Mack, Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST:



Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 2/24/08

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