



Special Meeting of the Assembly re: Use of CARES Act Funds

The Anchorage Assembly will be holding a special meeting **tomorrow**, Friday, August 7th from 1:30 – 2:30pm to discuss the use of CARES Act relief funds for small business relief. At present, the Assembly is considering splitting \$7 million dollars amongst the entire tourism industry (including hospitality). Alaska CHARR and the Brewers Guild are proposing allocation of \$21 million dollars (out of the \$159 million total received by the Municipality) for those affected by the Mayor’s Emergency Order 15, which has shut down or severely limited most hospitality businesses across the Municipality, resulting in the layoff of thousands of workers.

If you want to receive any sort of financial relief, then please contact the Anchorage Assembly **now** to share your stories, and let the Assembly know that the hospitality industry needs more support than what they are currently considering.

If you wish to provide written testimony:

The Assembly encourages anyone wishing to provide written Public Testimony to email written comments to Testimony@anchorageak.gov. Please make sure that comments are sent in by **10:00am tomorrow**.

- In the Subject Line: The agenda item you are providing testimony for (Example: Resolution Authorizing \$7MM of CARES Act Funds for Small Business Relief)

These comments will become part of the meeting record.

If you wish to provide testimony on the phone:

The Assembly encourages anyone wishing to provide verbal Public Testimony to Email Testimony@anchorageak.gov. Please make sure that you send your request by **10:00am tomorrow**, and include the following:

- Your Name
- Phone Number
- Agenda Item Number/Title for which you wish to provide testimony
 - In the Subject Line: Phone Testimony

If you signed up for phone testimony, you should be on the Assembly's call list. When the Assembly reaches your agenda item, the Clerk will phone you at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide testimony, so please be prepared!

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Anchorage Assembly Alcohol Tax Virtual Town Hall

The Anchorage Assembly is holding the second "virtual" town hall on **Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m.** to present several proposed plans for uses of the alcohol tax and to receive public feedback on those proposed plans. Assembly Chair Felix Rivera said, "We've heard from the public that our community wants to be involved in creating solutions to community issues. To make sure that happens,

the Assembly is engaging in a robust public process to determine the best uses of the alcohol tax approved by the community in the April election."

The public has several options to participate in the Alcohol Tax Town Halls:

Participate from your smart phone, computer, or via the Microsoft Teams application.

From these links, you will be able to view and hear the presentations, and provide comments or questions in the Q & A. muni.org/AlcoholTaxTownhall20200806

Participate by Facebook Live, go to the Municipal Clerk's Facebook page [@ANCMuniClerk](https://www.facebook.com/ANCMuniClerk).

From Facebook, you will be able to see and hear the presentations and provide comments.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3142938132454592/>

Assembly Chair Rivera indicates that after the Town Halls, the Assembly plans additional time to review the feedback and then to finalize plans for uses of the alcohol tax. A work session is currently scheduled for **August 28, from 1pm - 2pm**, and Regular Assembly Meetings to hold public hearings and consider a formal resolution adopting a plan for uses of the alcohol tax are scheduled on **September 15 and 29, at 5pm**. Dates are subject to change based on feedback from the community and Assembly members.

The proposal for the Alcohol Tax was approved and placed on the ballot by the Assembly in AO 2019-148(S-1) As Amended, on January

28, 2020. At the April 7, 2020 Regular Municipal Election, Ballot Proposition 13, the Alcohol Tax, was approved by Anchorage voters.