



Municipality of Anchorage

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Anchorage Assembly Leadership

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Dear Mayor Bronson and Municipal Manager Demboski,

Now that EO 2021-03 is in effect, it is the role of the Administration to implement and enforce validly passed laws of the Municipality. The executive power vested in the Mayor by Charter §5.01(a) makes it the Administration's responsibility to see that EO 2021-03 is duly executed and enforced. Yet, many members of the public are asking Assembly Members questions about compliance and enforcement of the mask mandate. In order to refer constituents efficiently to the proper executive branch staff or agency, the Assembly would like to know the following:

1. What Department and who within that Department is the point of contact responsible for handling questions from the public regarding the application of EO 2021-03 and compliance with it in specific situations?
2. What Department will be responsible for enforcement of EO 2021-03?

As you may know, previously the Mayor's executive team in consultation with the Municipal Attorney's office provided FAQs and other guidance on questions both from the public and Assembly members concerning masking under the prior Emergency Orders. Additionally, Code Enforcement, headed by Jack Frost, was the office tasked with receiving complaints and providing education about the masking requirement, and enforcement of it under general public nuisance law in AMC chapter 15.20. In November 2020, three Code Enforcement officers were hired specifically to have capacity to do this work of enforcing the prior mask mandate, gathering limitations, and other emergency orders. These positions were funded by the CARES Act, and continued through 2021.

In the absence of guidance from your office, we will direct questions about compliance and enforcement to:

1. Mayor's office (343-7100)
2. Municipal Manager's office (343-7120)
3. Code Enforcement (343-4141)

The Assembly is here to assist in educating our community about the masking requirement and getting questions and concerns addressed. We look forward to the Administration's cooperation and fulfillment of its obligations to implement this important public health and safety measure.

Please advise as soon as possible, thank you.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne LaFrance, Assembly Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Constant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Constant, Assembly Vice Chair

Cc: Patrick Bergt - Municipal Attorney
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