



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
No. AM 685-2017(A-1)

Meeting Date: December 5, 2017

From: **ASSEMBLY MEMBER CROFT**

Subject: **AO 2017-130(S) — AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 15.20.020 AND 15.20.120 TO REDUCE THE NOTICE TIME FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE [ILLEGAL CAMPSITE] ABATEMENT FROM FIFTEEN DAYS TO TEN DAYS, AND PROVIDE A SUNSET DATE OF JULY 1, 2021.**

The S-version of this ordinance includes the following substantive changes:

- Instead of reducing the abatement period in the public nuisances chapter of the Anchorage Municipal Code to 10 days for *only* illegal campsites, the S-version makes the change from 15 to 10 days for abatement for any of the public nuisances enumerated in AMC chapter 15.20, unless specifically provided otherwise, by adding amendments to AMC section 15.20.120 in Section 2. The 15-day abatement period in that section was originally enacted by AO 2003-130, and there is no reason or justification why the minimum time period to abate any public nuisances could not be reduced to ten.
- The “Whereas” paragraphs are updated to more accurately reflect the Municipality’s multi-faceted approach to addressing the problem of nuisances in the parks and greenbelts, and providing housing and services to the homeless population.
- Section 3 adds a sunset date, to require the Assembly to comprehensively review the effects of the abatement period change and act to reauthorize it or allow it to lapse and be automatically repealed.
- The AO title is amended accordingly.

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