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Memorandum 22-099

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 2, 2022

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO HOMER CITY CODE CHAPTER 21.93

Homer City Council amended Homer City Code Chapter 21.93 to establish that all appeals of Planning and Zoning matters will be heard by a hearing officer with the adoption of Ordinance 21-44(S).

After working with this updated code, further edits are needed to better clarify the appeal process. The edits are related to:

- Removing ambiguous language regarding decisions subject to appeal,
- Noticing parties of the assignment of a hearing officer,
- Moving the information of the prehearing conference from its own section to the general appeals procedure section,
- Adding language to clarify that the decision of the hearing officer is final and not subject to reconsideration, and
- Removing reference to the matter being subject to reconsideration under ex parte communication prohibited.

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance 22-31.