



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-12, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 1.04, General Provisions, to Create a Hearing Officer Appointment Procedure. City Manager.

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Last spring, Council voiced concern over the lack of city codes. Staff and the attorney spent some time reviewing sections of code that address code compliance, and recommends amendments to title 1, Title 5, and Title 21. The amendments to title 5 are still being refined and will be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

HCC Title 1.04 provides for General Provisions. The proposed code provides new code language to specify how a hearing office is appointed for administrative appeals. The City has been using the State of Alaska Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). While the services of the OAH do work well, at times they are very busy and not able to take on new matters expeditiously. The City finds it desirable for the City Manager to have the ability to hire a qualified hearing officer.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance 25-12 amending HCC 1.04.