



CITY OF BARROW

"farthest north incorporated city"

ORDINANCE 01-2005

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, community meetings resulting from the recent murder of a taxi cab driver in Barrow have focused on – and heightened community awareness of – drug and alcohol abuse problems that persist in Barrow; and

WHEREAS, at these meetings, citizens requested that the City establish a Blue Ribbon Panel to attempt to address these problems and develop constructive solutions to them in conjunction with the North Slope Borough, tribal organizations in Barrow, and other concerned organizations and citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Barrow, Alaska, that:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is not permanent in nature and shall not be placed in the City of Barrow Code of Ordinances ("Code").

SECTION 2. Establishment of Blue Ribbon Panel On Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

A. The City Council hereby establishes a temporary advisory Blue Ribbon Panel On Alcohol And Drug Abuse (hereafter "Blue Ribbon Panel" or "BRP").

B. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Panel shall be to advise the City Council and the Mayor about actions that the City can lawfully take, within available economic and fiscal resources and the powers entrusted to the City, to alleviate and counteract drug and alcohol abuse in Barrow. The BRP shall hold at least four (4) public hearings before making its recommendations to the Mayor and the Council. The BRP shall complete its work and prepare a written report of its recommendations by April 28, 2005.

C. Subject to the availability of resources, the BRP may use office space and conduct its meetings at the City Offices, and be provided with staff support under the direction of the Mayor.

D. The BRP shall consist of seven (7) members of the community who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council within two weeks after passage of this ordinance. The Mayor shall seek recommendations from the Mayor of the North Slope Borough regarding who he should appoint to the BRP. The Mayor shall also designate from among the BRP members two members to serve as co-chairs of the BRP. The City Clerk shall attend all BRP meetings and shall prepare minutes regarding the BRP's proceedings. Minutes and records shall be filed with the City Clerk and retained as public records.

E. A majority of the total membership of the BRP constitutes a quorum. Any act of the BRP requires a majority affirmative vote of the citizen members of the Commission. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The BRP may divide itself into subcommittees to consider various issues and report back to the BRP recommendations for action. The subcommittees may request that additional members of the community participate in subcommittee discussions and deliberations. However, all final actions of the BRP with respect to recommendations for action to the City Council and Mayor, or with respect to any other actions, must be taken by the full BRP in accordance with this section.

F. Meetings of the BRP shall be public, and in compliance with all public notice requirements of the City of Barrow Code of Ordinances and the Alaska Statutes.

G. The BRP shall work cooperatively with the North Slope Borough, tribal organizations and all other community organizations and citizens who express an interest in working with the BRP to develop its recommendations. The Mayor shall request the Mayor of the North Slope Borough to provide the BRP with technical advice, including but not limited to advice from the North Slope Borough Department of Public Safety and the North Slope Borough Health Department, regarding the impact of crime, drugs and alcohol on the community and what actions the City might consider to assist the Borough in alleviating such problems in Barrow.

H. BRP members shall be compensated for their attendance at BRP meetings and subcommittee meetings at the rate of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) per meeting, except that they shall not be compensated if there is no quorum for the meeting. Members of the community who participate in any BRP subcommittees under section 2.E who are not officially appointed to the BRP in accordance with section 2.D shall not receive compensation under this section.


SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

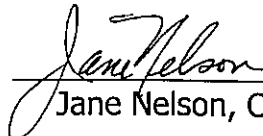
ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF January, 2005, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Introduced: January 13, 2005
Public Hearing: January 27, 2005

Attest:




Nate Olemaun, Jr. Mayor


Jane Nelson, City Clerk