

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC NOTICE THROUGH THE CITY WEBSITE AND/ OR OFFICIAL CITY SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**

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WHEREAS, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 the Dillingham City Council considered but did not adopt Ordinance No. 2026-02, which would have amended DMC 1.16.010 regarding definitions related to publication and public notice; and

WHEREAS, during Council discussion and public comment, concerns were raised regarding how supplemental electronic notice would be provided under the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of providing timely and accessible public notice to residents using modern communication methods in addition to legally required publication and posting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City website and official City social media accounts provide additional opportunities to inform the public regarding meetings, hearings, procurement opportunities, elections, ordinances, and other municipal actions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that website and social media posting improve transparency and public access to government information while maintaining compliance with applicable legal notice requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that circumstances may arise in which electronic communication systems are unavailable, unreliable, unsafe to operate, or inaccessible due to technological failures, emergencies, disasters, or other events beyond the City’s reasonable control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. City staff are directed to post public notices on the City’s official website and/or official City social media accounts whenever reasonably practicable.
2. Posting on the City website and official City social media accounts is intended to supplement any publication or physical posting requirements established by the Dillingham Municipal Code or Alaska Statute and does not replace legally required notice procedures.
3. In addition to website and social media posting, the City may also provide supplemental notice through:
  - a) Electronic mailing lists;
  - b) Local radio announcements; or
  - c) Other methods reasonably calculated to inform the public.
4. Failure to provide supplemental electronic notice does not invalidate an otherwise properly noticed meeting, hearing, solicitation, ordinance, election, procurement action, or other municipal action when legally required notice has otherwise been provided.

5. If one or more of the following circumstances exist, posting notices in the physical posting locations required by DMC 1.16.010 or other applicable Code provisions shall be considered sufficient public notice and website and social media posting shall not be required:
  - a. Internet service outages or disruptions affecting the City;
  - b. Failure or outage of the City website, web hosting service, or related infrastructure;
  - c. Failure, outage, suspension, restriction, or inaccessibility of a social media platform or account;
  - d. Electrical outages or power failures affecting City facilities or communication systems;
  - e. Cybersecurity incidents, ransomware events, hacking incidents, or other cyber attacks affecting City systems or communications;
  - f. Failure or malfunction of City computer hardware, servers, telecommunications systems, or networking equipment;
  - g. Natural disasters, severe weather events, flooding, wildfire, earthquake, volcanic activity, or other acts of God;
  - h. War, terrorism, sabotage, civil unrest, or threats to public safety;
  - i. Electromagnetic pulse (EMP) events, solar events, or other widespread technological disruptions;
  - j. Evacuation orders, emergency declarations, or incidents requiring prioritization of emergency response operations;
  - k. Staffing shortages, illness outbreaks, or other operational disruptions that reasonably prevent electronic posting;
  - l. Circumstances where posting electronically would jeopardize public safety, cybersecurity, critical infrastructure, or confidential information; or
  - m. Any other circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the City that makes website or social media posting impossible, impracticable, unsafe, or unreliable.
  
6. This Resolution is intended to establish administrative policy guidance and does not create independent legal notice requirements beyond those required by the Dillingham Municipal Code or Alaska law.
7. Nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted to waive or modify any publication requirement expressly required by Alaska Statute, federal law, grant conditions, bond covenants, or court order.
8. The City Manager or designee may establish administrative procedures for implementation of this Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Dillingham City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abigail Flynn, City Clerk