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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: City Council
From: Abigail Flynn, City Clerk's Department
Through: Jack Savo Jr, City Manager
Date: April 30, 2026
Re: Ordinance 2026-05 DMC 2.08.020 and 2.12.050 published, publication, public notice

SUMMARY: This Ordinance is supportive of Ordinance 2026-02 and will allow it to be implemented. Staff requests Council adopt this ordinance amending Dillingham Municipal Code (DMC) Sections **2.08.020** and **2.12.050** to remove duplicative publication definitions and instead reference the citywide definitions adopted in **DMC 1.16.010**.

The proposed amendment eliminates redundant language and ensures that the terms "**published**," "**publication**," and "**public notice**" are interpreted consistently throughout the Dillingham Municipal Code.

Council action is needed to adopt the ordinance.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Introduced at the April 2nd, 2026 Council meeting. If Ordinance 2026-02 ultimately does not pass, we would recommend no action on this ordinance because they must both pass to be functional. This supplemental Ordinance will only work if Ordinance 2026-02 is adopted with it.

These definitions if adopted will clarify publication requirements and modernize notice procedures throughout the Code.

The proposed ordinance implements conforming amendments to ensure that other sections of the Code reference the new definitions.

BACKGROUND: Several sections of the Dillingham Municipal Code currently contain their own definitions or descriptions of how publication must occur. Over time, this has created duplicative language and the potential for inconsistent interpretation.

The ordinance updates the following sections:

DMC 2.08.020 – Public Notice of Meetings

The amendment clarifies that the term "published" has the meaning defined in **DMC 1.16.010**, ensuring that meeting notices follow the standardized definition adopted by Council.

DMC 2.12.050 – Presentation and Hearing of Ordinances

The amendment removes the section’s internal definition of publication and instead directs readers to the definitions contained in **DMC 1.16.010**.

These changes ensure that publication requirements across the Code rely on a single set of definitions.

DISCUSSION: The proposed amendments are intended to accomplish three objectives:

1. Eliminate Redundant Code Language

Several Code sections currently define publication requirements independently. Consolidating these definitions into one section improves readability and reduces the need to update multiple sections in the future.

2. Promote Consistency Across the Municipal Code

Using a single definition for publication and public notice ensures that the same interpretation applies throughout Titles 2, 3, 4, 8, 17, 18, and other sections of the Code.

3. Improve Code Maintenance

Centralizing definitions in **DMC 1.16.010** allows future updates to publication requirements to be made in one location rather than across numerous Code sections.

These changes are technical in nature and do not alter the Council’s authority, the public hearing process, or existing requirements for providing public notice.

ALTERNATIVES: Leave the Code unchanged and continue maintaining multiple publication definitions across different Code sections.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are **no anticipated financial impacts** associated with the proposed ordinance.

LEGAL: The amendment is a conforming change intended to improve Code clarity and consistency. No legal concerns have been identified by our legal team.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council adopt **Ordinance 2026-05** amending **DMC 2.08.020 and 2.12.050** regarding publication and public notice definitions.

PROPOSED MOTION:

“I move to adopt, Ordinance No. 2026-05, an ordinance amending Dillingham Municipal Code Sections 2.08.020 and 2.12.050 regarding public notice and publication.”

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance 2026-05