
MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Michelle Price, Administrative Coordinator
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager
Date: June 22nd, 2021
Re: 2021 Summer Legislative Conference

The Alaska Municipal League will host their Summer Legislative Conference in Fairbanks from August 1-4 at the Westmark Hotel. The Summer Legislative Conference is traditionally focused on:

- An update on legislative action that may have impacted local governments.
- Review of outstanding issues found in bills or the budget.
- Preparation of AML's policy and position statement.

Presentations will be made by their lobbying team, State officials, and legislators, and will discuss priorities facing local governments. Meeting information is attached.

Estimated travel costs for one traveler attending the conference only are:

Air Fare	\$	937.30
Lodging in Fairbanks	\$	831.60
Registration	\$	175.00
Per Diem	\$	600.00
TOTAL	\$	2,543.90

As of June 22, 2021, the available funds in the Council travel budget are \$85,869.

The Travel Policy for the Mayor and Council indicates that no more than three Council Members are to travel to the same meeting or conference; that travel be conducted in the most direct and economic manner possible to accomplish City business; and that at least twenty-one days prior to an upcoming trip, the council will discuss the travel, identify the Council Members to travel, and approve the travel by motion.

Marjorie Veeder

From: Alaska Municipal League <portlandh@akml.org>
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AML Summer Legislative Conference

After over a year and a half, AML is excited to bring members together at an in-person event. We're excited to see everyone! Over the first week of August, there will be several events taking place:

August 1st - 4th

- **Conference of Young Alaskans** - A cohort of Young Alaskans from across the state will work as "delegates" to learn and discuss municipal policy and issues. Municipal government leaders will act as facilitators, working with the group throughout the week. Delegates will draft, debate and, subsequently, adopt Resolutions according to what they believe are important municipal issues. The Conference will culminate with a presentation of the adopted Resolutions to the Alaska Conference of Mayors. Delegates will attend at no cost to them. Interested in sponsoring? M

August 4th:

- **Alaska Defense Forum** - In partnership with Fairbanks North Star Borough and Alaska Defense Communities, we'll host the second Alaska Defense Forum. This year's event will begin with sessions specific to local government leaders including Alaska's increasing role in the Arctic and the impact of defense spending on the Alaskan economy. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Evening Social** - Join AML, ADF, ACoM and AMMA attendees at an evening social event. Network, relax and engage with fellow conference attendees in a

more casual setting. We'll also host a silent auction with the proceeds benefitting a Fairbanks area non-profit organization. Location TBA.

August 4th - 5th:

- **Alaska Conference of Mayors** - Mayors and other elected officials are welcome to join these sessions, which begin at noon the 4th and close at noon on the 5th. The agenda will include engagement with COYA delegates, discussion of State policy issues, infrastructure, and decisions that may fall to elected officials.
- **Alaska Municipal Management Association Summer Meeting** - City Managers, Administrators, Chiefs of Staff and those with similar roles are invited to attend. The agenda will have leadership skills training, facilitated networking, roundtable discussions and facility tours.

August 5th - 6th:

- **AML Summer Legislative Meeting** - The [agenda](#) will be centered around State legislative actions (or lack thereof) on bills that may impact local governments and the State's obligations - education, safety, etc. We'll invite State officials to attend, and organize opportunities for members to network and connect. We'll also begin preparing for the upcoming AML Policy Statement and Resolutions process to occur this fall.

Registration for AML members is \$175 and includes participation in ADF, ACoM or AMMA, and AML. The schedule has been built to allow participation in the various meetings without conflict, as much as possible.

A courtesy room block has been reserved for attendees at the Westmark in downtown Fairbanks. There is a 15% off Flexible Rate Group discount by using the code **AKMUN073121**. Hotel rooms may be booked online at www.westmarkhotels.com or via phone (800) 544-0970. Rooms must be booked by July 24th to receive the 15% off Flexible Rate discount.

If you have questions about this or any other event, contact Portland Highbaugh at portlandh@akml.org or by phone at 907-790-5306.

Thank you to the Fairbanks North Star Borough for their sponsorship of these events!

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