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## Licensing Application Summary

You must review your application and confirm that the information displayed here is correct. Select **Review and Confirm** to continue and make the payment. If the information is not correct, select **Next** to return to the application, edit the data as needed and finalize the submission.

<b>Application ID:</b>	2830
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.
<b>License Type applied for:</b>	Package Store License(PSL) (AS 04.09.230)
<b>Application Status:</b>	Initiated

### Entity Information

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<b>Business Structure:</b>	Corporation
<b>Country of Origin:</b>	
<b>Alaska Entity Number (CBPL):</b>	127143

### Entity Contact Information

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<b>Entity Address:</b>	814 E Main Street, Richmond, VA, 23219, USA
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### Initial Application Information

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<b>Authority Type:</b>	I am authorized user by the designated licensee with binding authority
<b>Legal First Name:</b>	Andrew
<b>Legal Last Name:</b>	Klair

**Email Address:** andrew.klair@hklaw.com

**Phone Number:** 719-588-0091

## Additional Authorized User

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**Legal Name:** Jessica Brown

**Relation with licensee:** Legal Counsel

## Ownership / Principal Party Details

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Principal Parent Entity	Principal Party	Role	%Ownership
Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.	Apple Nine Hospitality Inc	Stockholder/Shareholder	100
Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.	Matthew Rash	President	
Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.	Rachel Labrecque	Vice President	

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## Premises Address

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**Address:** 4700 Union Square Dr, Anchorage, AK, United States, 99503

**Mailing Address:** 814 E Main St, Richmond, , United States, 23219

**Does the proposed site include a valid street address?** Yes

## Basic Business information

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**Business/Trade Name:** Home2 Suites Anchorage/Midtown

**What is your primary business at this location?** Hotel

## Premises Contact Details

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<b>Contact Person Name</b>	Matthew Rash
<b>Business Phone Number</b>	804-344-8121
<b>Email Address</b>	legal@applereit.com
<b>Address:</b>	814 E Main St, Richmond, , United States, 23219

## Local Government and Community Council Details

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<b>City/Municipality</b>	Anchorage (Municipality of)
<b>Community Council Name</b>	Midtown

## Measurement Information

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<b>What is the approximate distance of the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of the building of your proposed premises to the outer boundaries of the nearest school grounds? (in feet)</b>	2112
<b>What is the approximate distance of the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of the building of your proposed premises to the public entrance of the nearest church building? (in feet)</b>	3696

## Property Ownership

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**Do you, the applicant, own the land, building, and/or warehouse at this proposed licensed location?**

No

<b>Property Utilization Status</b>	An Existing Facility
<b>Are you operating under?</b>	Lease
<b>Add Copy of Lease\Sublease document</b>	<a href="#">Home2 Lease Agreement 1 of 2.pdf</a>

## Premises Diagram

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**Will the license or permit embrace the entire premises address?** No

## Premises Diagram

- [Full Site Diagram.pdf](#)
- [Detailed Floor Plan.pdf](#)

## Other Licenses Involvement

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Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc. holds Beverage Dispensary-Tourism license #4774 for the Embassy Suites Anchorage Hotel.

## Financial Interest

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I hereby certify that no person other than a proposed licensee listed on the liquor license application has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in AS 04.11.450(f) in the business for which a liquor license is being applied for.

I hereby certify that any ownership change shall be reported to the board as required under AS 04.11.040, AS 04.11.045, AS 04.11.050, and AS 04.11.055.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

## Attestations

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I certify that all proposed licensees (as defined in AS 04.11.260) and affiliates have been listed on this application.

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check the identification of a patron will complete an approved alcohol server education course, if required by AS 04.21.025, and, while selling or serving alcoholic beverages, will carry or have available to show

a current course card or a photocopy of the card certifying completion of approved alcohol server education course, if required by 3 AAC 305.700.

I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in support of this application.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

I certify that all proposed licensees have been listed with Division of Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing.

I certify that I and any individual identified in the business entity ownership section of this application, has or will read AS 04 and its implementing regulations.

## Signature

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Electronic Signature not collected; application submitted based on paper form.

## Documents

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#	File Name	Type	Added On
1	<a href="#">Home2 Lease Agreement 1 of 2.pdf</a>	License Lease\Sublease document	04/30/2024 12:13 AM
2	<a href="#">Full Site Diagram.pdf</a>	License Location Diagram Document	04/30/2024 12:14 AM
3	<a href="#">Detailed Floor Plan.pdf</a>	License Location Diagram Document	04/30/2024 12:14 AM

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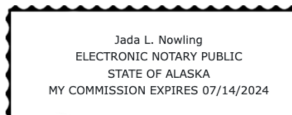
Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 19th day of March

2024

Jada L. Nowling

Notary Public in and for  
The State of Alaska.  
Third Division  
Anchorage, Alaska  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
7/14/2024





## Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Form AB-00: New License Application

**Why is this form needed?**

This application for a license is required for all individuals or entities seeking to apply for a new alcoholic beverage license. Applicants should review **Title 04** of **Alaska Statutes** and **Chapter 305** of the **Alaska Administrative Code**. All fields of this form must be completed, per AS 04.11.260 and 3 AAC 305.045.

**This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's Anchorage office, along with all other required forms and fees before any license application will be considered complete and placed in the queue for a licensing examiner review.**

### Section 1 – Establishment and Contact Information

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed.

<b>Applicant:</b>	Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.			
<b>License Type:</b>	Package Store License	<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	04.09.230	
<b>Doing Business As:</b>	Home2 Suites Anchorage/Midtown			
<b>Premises Address:</b>	4700 Union Square Dr.			
<b>City:</b>	Anchorage	<b>State:</b>	AK	<b>ZIP:</b> 99503
<b>Local Governing Body/Bodies:</b>	Municipality of Anchorage			
<b>Community Council, (If applicable):</b>	Midtown Community Council			

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	814 E. Main St.			
<b>City:</b>	Richmond	<b>State:</b>	VA	<b>ZIP:</b> 23219

<b>Designated Individual with Binding Authority to apply for this License:</b>	Matthew Rash			
<b>Contact Phone:</b>	804-344-8121	<b>Business Phone:</b>	804-344-8121	
<b>Contact Email:</b>	legal@applereit.com			

Seasonal License?    Yes     No     If "Yes", write your operating period not exceeding Six months each year: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY				
<b>Complete Date:</b>		<b>License Years:</b>		<b>License #:</b>
<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>		<b>Transaction #:</b>		
<b>Issue Date:</b>		<b>Examiner:</b>		



**Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**  
**Form AB-00: New License Application**

**Section 2 – Premises Information**

Premises to be licensed

- an existing facility       a new building       a proposed building

The next two questions must be completed by an applicant for a beverage dispensary or beverage dispensary tourism license and package store applicant only:

What is the distance of the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of the building of your proposed premises to the outer boundaries of the nearest school grounds? Include the unit of measurement in your answer.

0.4 miles to Family Partnership Charter K-12

What is the distance of the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of the building of your proposed premises to the public entrance of the nearest church building? Include the unit of measurement in your answer.

0.7 miles to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**Section 3 – Sole Proprietor Ownership Information**

This section must be completed by any sole proprietor who is applying for a license. Entities should skip to Section 4. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet with the required information. The following information must be completed for each licensee and each affiliate (spouse).

This individual is an:     applicant       affiliate

<b>Name:</b>					
<b>Address:</b>					
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>ZIP:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>				

This individual is an:     applicant       affiliate

<b>Name:</b>					
<b>Address:</b>					
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>ZIP:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>				





Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

**Form AB-00: New License Application**

**Section 4 – Entity Ownership Information**

This section must be completed by any entity, including a corporation, limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or limited partnership, that is applying for a license. Sole proprietors should skip to Section 5.

If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet with the required information.

- If the applicant is a **corporation**, the application shall be executed by an authorized officer of the Corporation. Information must be completed below for each **stockholder who owns 10% or more** of the stock in the corporation, and for each **president, vice-president, secretary, and managing officer**.
- If the applicant is a **limited liability organization**, whether manager managed or member managed, the following information must be completed for each **member with an ownership interest of 10% or more** and for each **manager regardless of ownership share**.
- If the applicant is a **partnership**, including a **limited partnership**, the following information must be completed for each **partner with an interest of 10% or more**, and for each **general partner**.
- For **any entity**, identify all affiliates for your organization as defined at 3 AAC 305.950.

Entity Official:	Matthew Rash				
Title(s):	Affiliate - President	Phone:	804-344-8121	% Owned:	0
Address:	814 E Main St				
City:	Richmond	State:	VA	ZIP:	23219
Email:	legal@applereit.com				

Entity Official:	Rachel Labrecque				
Title(s):	Affiliate - Vice President	Phone:	804-344-8121	% Owned:	0
Address:	814 E Main St				
City:	Richmond	State:	VA	ZIP:	23219
Email:	legal@applereit.com				

Entity Official:	Apple Nine Hospitality, Inc.				
Title(s):	Sole Shareholder	Phone:	804-344-8121	% Owned:	100
Address:	814 E Main St				
City:	Richmond	State:	VA	ZIP:	23219

Entity Official:					
Title(s):		Phone:		% Owned:	
Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	



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This subsection must be completed by any applicant that is a corporation or LLC or who has registered as a business entity with the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL). Any entity registered or required to be registered with CBPL must be in good standing and have a registered agent as defined at AS 04.11.430.

CBPL Entity #:	127143	AK Formed Date:	02/19/2010	Home State:	VIRGINIA
Registered Agent:	Corporation Service Company		Agent's Phone:		
Agent's Mailing Address:	8585 Old Dairy Rd., Suite 208				
City:	Juneau	State:	AK	ZIP:	99801
Email:					

Does your registered agent satisfy the requirement of AS 04.11.430? Yes  No

**Section 5 – Other Licenses**

**Ownership and financial interest in other alcoholic beverage businesses.** Yes No

Does any representative or owner named in this application have any direct or indirect financial interest in any other alcoholic beverage business that does business in or is licensed in Alaska? Yes  No

If "Yes", disclose which individual(s) has the financial interest, what the type of business is, and if licensed in Alaska, which license number(s) and license type(s):

Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc. holds Beverage Dispensary-Tourism license #4774 for the Embassy Suites Anchorage Hotel.

**Section 6 – Authorization**

**Communication with AMCO staff:** Yes No

Does any person other than a licensee named in this application have authority to discuss this license with AMCO staff? Yes  No

If "Yes", disclose the name of the individual and contact information for the individual, including phone number and email, and the authority for this authorization:

Jessica Brown - Outside Legal Counsel - [jessica.brown@hklaw.com](mailto:jessica.brown@hklaw.com)



## Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Form AB-00: New License Application

### Section 7 – Attestations

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of each statement:

Initials

I certify that all proposed licensees (as defined in AS 04.11.260) and affiliates have been listed on this application.

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check the identification of a patron will complete an approved alcohol server education course, if required by AS 04.21.025, and, while selling or serving alcoholic beverages, will carry or have available to show a current course card or a photocopy of the card certifying completion of approved alcohol server education course, if required by 3 AAC 305.700.

I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in support of this application.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

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**Matthew Rash**  
President

Printed name of licensee

Signature of licensee



## Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Form AB-02: Premises Diagram

### Why is this form needed?

A detailed diagram of the proposed licensed premises is required for all alcohol license applications, per AS 04.11.260, 3 AAC 305.630 and 3 AAC 305.660. Your diagram must include dimensions and must show all entrances and boundaries of the premises, walls, bars, fixtures, and areas of storage, service, consumption, and manufacturing.

**This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's Anchorage office before any license application will be considered complete. You may attach blueprints or other detailed drawings that meet the requirements of this form.**

### The diagram MUST include:

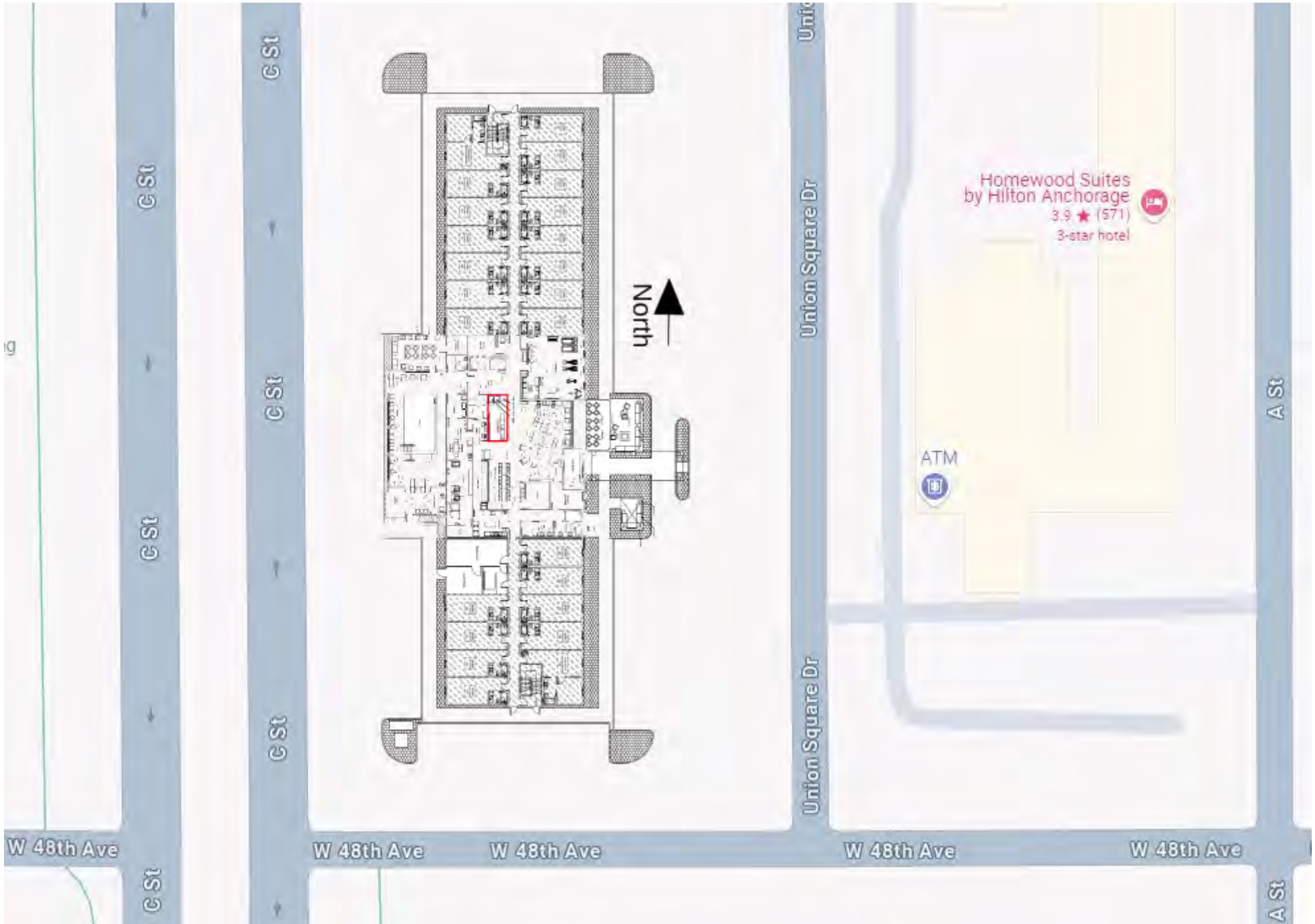
- You must use a **solid, contiguous red line** to outline the outer perimeter of your premises with no breaks or separations.
  - The red outline is required to follow a physical barrier (wall, fence and even across doorways).
  - There should be no red lines within the perimeter
- Each area should be clearly labeled in any color other than red where alcohol is:
  - Stored
  - Served/Sold
  - Manufactured
  - Consumed
- All diagrams must include:
  - Dimensions (AMCO does not accept diagrams drawn to scale)
  - Cross streets
  - Points of reference, such as a compass rose indicating True North
  - All entrances, exits, walls, bars, and fixtures
- If your premises include multiple floors, please include a separate diagram of each floor.
  - You must identify the stairs between each floor, and each hallway/corridor that leads to each set of stairs.
- If your premises includes multiple floors, please include a separate diagram of each floor. You must identify the stairs between each floor, and each hallway/corridor that leads to each set of stairs.
- If your proposed premises is located within a building or building complex that contains multiple businesses and/or tenants, please provide an additional page that clearly shows the location of your proposed premises within the building or building complex, along with the addresses and/or suite numbers of the other businesses and/or tenants within the building or building complex.
- Any license applications that include outdoor space** are required to submit a security plan that includes information about the barriers, practices, and personnel that are to be used to ensure that alcohol is not introduced or removed from the permitted premises and to prevent the access of alcohol by a minor during the permitted event. A security plan may be requested for other proposed locations on a case-by-case basis.

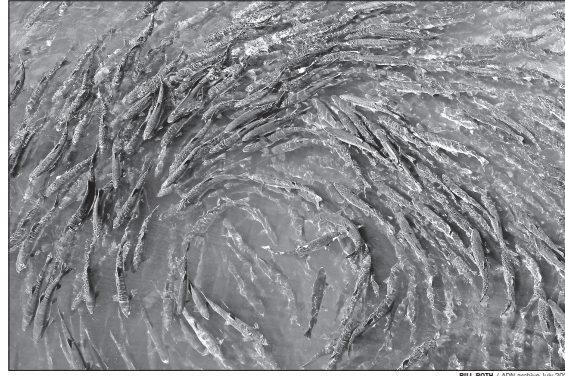
## Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:		License Number:	
License Type:			
Doing Business As:			
Premises Address:			
City:		State:	
		ZIP:	







Pink salmon hold in clear water below the old power plant dam at Ship Creek on July 31, 2023.

ALASKA NEWS

# New study adds to evidence that pink salmon from Alaska hatcheries could be crowding out sockeye

Nathaniel Herz  
Northern Journal

A new analysis of nearly 25,000 fish scales offers more evidence that the millions of pink salmon churned out by Alaska fish hatcheries could be harming wild sockeye salmon populations when they meet in the ocean, according to the scientists who authored the study.

The new peer-reviewed paper, published this week in the *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, analyzed growth rates that could be deduced from the fish scales, similar to trees' yearly growth rings.

The paper was built on a unique aspect of the life cycle of pink salmon, which are primarily targeted by commercial fishermen. Their abundance is high in odd-numbered years, and lower in even-numbered years. Those bumps and busts allowed authors Peter Rand and Gregor Ruggenone to tease out whether sockeye salmon — which are more highly valued by

sport and personal use fishermen — were growing at lower rates during odd years, when pink salmon are more numerous.

Their analysis showed that was the case across the Gulf of Alaska — a dynamic that Rand and Ruggenone describe as a “zero-sum game” between the two species. It found that yearly growth of sockeye was depressed by as much as 17% at times when pink salmon abundance was high.

“This is the first time we’ve looked at populations across coastal Alaska, and we see the same signal in all of them,” Rand said in an interview. “It’s quite compelling.”

There’s been increasing debate in recent years about the impacts on other salmon species of growing populations of pink salmon, and Ruggenone last year published a review paper that documented what he called “consistent and strong” evidence of competition. The pinks have been

benefiting from warming ocean waters and are also boosted by hatcheries around Alaska that raise them to bolster harvests by commercial fishermen.

The number of pinks returning annually from the North Pacific Ocean rose to nearly 600 million in 2021, up from 170 million in the early 1970s, with hatcheries contributing some 80 million fish each year, the authors wrote in their new study.

Some policymakers, Ruggenone said, have been holding out for more documentation of competition between hatchery pinks and wild salmon, and the new paper should serve as additional evidence, he added.

A spokesperson for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, whose commissioner has said it’s an “open question” if there’s a relationship between hatchery-raised pinks and wild king salmon populations, said no one was available Thursday to comment on the new study.

# Facebook friends and posts are a potential landmine for employees

I get it. You love Facebook, and when people you work with requested you add them as friends, you did. At first, you didn’t have any trouble. Instead, you had the fun of seeing your coworkers’ interesting endeavors and the reinforcing experience of so many colleagues wanting to be your friends, and then liking your posts. But then it happened. Perhaps you stepped on a landmine when you posted an unwise comment, and the wrong person read it. If so, you paid a potentially hefty price for social media carelessness. You could, however, have saved yourself a lot of trouble by not Facebook-friending anyone in these four categories.

1. **Your manager or a coworker who might share your post with your manager.**

You can’t afford your manager reading your posts, especially the ones you’re prone to writing Sunday night such as “I can’t believe I have to go to work tomorrow. I hate Mondays.” Then there’s the “Can’t wait for this workweek to be over” post you drafted during that boring staff meeting. Too bad your social media site time-stamped it.

You’re not that stupid, you say? Can you honestly claim you haven’t written a sensitive post that might damage your otherwise strong career brand? What about the time you called in sick then felt better and checked in for lunch at a restaurant on Foursquare, which then posted your Facebook page?

If you’ve blown it, you’re not alone. According to an August 2023 survey, 1 in 10 employees have seen a coworker fired for social media posts, and 24% have seen a coworker disciplined by a supervisor or HR over their social media posts.

Negativity and career damage run rampant on Facebook, with 27% of those surveyed reporting their coworkers post negatively about their workplace, and 25% of colleagues noting they’ve lowered their opinion of a coworker because of the coworker’s posts. Further, you can’t eliminate your risk by not friending your manager, as one of your coworkers’ friends might share one of your exciting posts with your mutual manager.

2. **Your employees or anyone to whom you are senior in status.**

The moment you friend one employee, you set yourself up in multiple ways. What do you do when another employee, one you don’t want to friend, sends you a friend request? If



LYNNE CURRY THE WORKPLACE

you and the employee you friend are both members of the same racial, ethnic, religious, age or other group, and the employee you don’t friend is in a different protected category, they can point to you not friending them as an indicator of discriminatory bias.

If you “like” one employee’s posts and not another’s, you can wind up mired in office politics or accusations of favoritism.

Photos you consider innocuous, such as you at a picnic table on which beer cans sit, can expose you to gossip and rumors. Or, what if a friend tags you in a photo in which you’re wearing a swimsuit or another revealing outfit? Perhaps your Facebook feed shows that many of your friends feel a certain way concerning politics or religion. Could that negatively affect how others see you?

3. **A colleague with whom you have or have had conflict.**

You open the door of your life to your friend on Facebook, as they can view your photos, posts and other friends. You can’t afford to give sensitive information that might be used against you to those with whom you have conflict.

4. **Any coworker with whom you don’t have enough experience with to trust.**

What if you “friend” a coworker and later learn you can’t trust them with what they learn about your life from your posts? This means you can’t add coworkers as friends when you start a new job — you don’t know them well enough. Also, whenever you add one coworker, other coworkers may feel misled if you don’t add them.

What if, despite everything written above, you still want to Facebook-friend those with whom you work? If so, consider creating two Facebook accounts: a restricted, private one for family and friends and one that’s more public and open to colleagues, on which you post nothing that could come back to bite you.

Lynne Curry writes a weekly column on workplace issues. She is author of “Navigating Conflict: Managing for Accountability,” “Beating the Workplace Bully” and “Solutions,” and [workplaceadvice.com](http://workplaceadvice.com). Submit questions at [workplaceadvice@alaska.com](mailto:workplaceadvice@alaska.com), [ask-a-coach/](http://ask-a-coach/) or follow her on [workplaceadviceblog.com](http://workplaceadviceblog.com), [lynnecurry.com](http://lynnecurry.com) or [@lynnecurry10](http://@lynnecurry10) on X, formerly known as Twitter.

# Wife seeks distance from husband’s crimes

Q. Dear Amy: I was so sad and embarrassed to learn that my ex-husband was involved in corporate crimes during the time we were married.



AMY DICKINSON  
ASK AMY

One of two cases and the related court dockets and evidence reveal participation in a complex scheme that resulted in the plaintiff company being awarded a huge settlement.

I quickly left the marriage and took a work assignment halfway across the country to escape my former husband’s erratic behavior, irresponsibility and terrible work ethic.

I had no idea he was committing crimes, in my home and under my nose — a common scenario, as I now understand it, when it comes to wives of white-collar criminals.

A second corporate fraud case is now on the docket. I am aware that these crimes materially impacted many people far and wide.

I am now wondering if I should remain silent about my departure from the marriage, or take a few proactive measures to share with those that were once in our common circle of friends and colleagues that I was neither aware nor would I have ever condoned such illicit and predatory acts.

From what I am reading, a divorce from a white-collar criminal is often perceived as a means for the wife to protect her interests, all the while standing by her man.

For better or for worse, I am not that person, and I am increasingly uncomfortable that this could be the perception.

What should I do? — Amy in SC

A. Dear Amy: Because you feel so strongly about this, you should claim your own narrative, using your own

words and writing down the story you want others to know. But for now, do this only for yourself.

I don’t think it is wise to publicly note any details about your ex-husband’s crimes, until these crimes are completely settled through the courts and you receive current and competent legal advice directed only to one you trust.

The last thing you want to do is to somehow accidentally ensnare or implicate yourself in the situation you are trying to maintain your distance from.

Your actual friends know you and understand your situation. The people in your former circle who may have “perceptions” about your divorce? Didn’t you leave these perceptions behind when you left your previous life behind? Because the fact is, you did leave the marriage in order to protect your own interests. And — good for you.

You can email Amy Dickinson at [askamy@amydickinson.com](mailto:askamy@amydickinson.com).

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# BALLOT

“Donald Trump is an eligible candidate on Colorado’s 2024 Presidential Primary.” Trump’s case was the first at the Supreme Court dealing with a provision of the 14th Amendment that was adopted after the Civil War to prevent former of-ficeholders who “engaged in insurrection” from holding office again.

Colorado’s Supreme Court, in a first-of-its-kind ruling, had decided that the provision, Section 3, could be applied to Trump, who that court found incited the Capitol attack. No court before had applied Section 3 to a presidential candidate.

The justices sidestepped the politically fraught issue of insurrection in their opinions Monday, but some Trump critics pointed to the silence on that topic as a victory of sorts because the court failed to absolve him of responsibility for the Capitol riot.

The court held that states may bar candidates from state office. “But States have no power under the Constitution to enforce Section 3 with respect to federal offices, especially the Presidency,” the court wrote.

While all nine justices agreed that Trump should be on the ballot, there was sharp disagreement from the three liberal members of the court and a milder disagreement from conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett that their colleagues went too far in determining what Congress must do to disqualify someone from federal office.

Justices Sonia Sotomayor or Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson said they agreed that allowing the Colorado decision to stand could create a “chaotic state by state patchwork” but said they disagreed with the majority’s finding a disqualification for insurrection can only happen when Congress enacts legislation. “Today the majority goes beyond the necessities of this case to limit how Section 3 can bar an oath-breaking insurrectionist from becoming President,” the three justices wrote in a joint opinion.

It’s unclear whether the ruling leaves open the possibility that Congress could refuse to certify the election of Trump or any other presidential candidate it sees as having violated Section 3.

Derek Muller, a law professor at Notre Dame University, said “it seems no,” noting that the liberals complained that the

majority ruling forecloses any other ways for Congress to enforce the provision. Rick Hasen, a law professor at the University of California-Los Angeles, wrote that it’s frustratingly unclear what the bounds might be on Congress.

Hasen was among those urging the court to settle the issue so there wasn’t the risk of Congress rejecting Trump under Section 3 when it counts electoral votes on Jan. 6, 2025.

“We may well have a nasty, nasty post-election period in which Congress tries to disqualify Trump but the Supreme Court says Congress exceeded its powers,” he wrote.

Both sides had requested fast work by the court, which heard arguments less than a month ago, on Feb. 8. The justices seemed poised then to rule in Trump’s favor.

Trump had been kicked off the ballot in Colorado, Maine and Illinois, but all three rulings were on hold awaiting the Supreme Court’s decision. The case is the court’s most direct involvement in a presidential election since Bush v. Gore, a decision delivered a quarter-century ago that effectively handed the 2000 election to Republican George W. Bush. And it’s just one of several cases involving Trump directly or

that could affect his chances of becoming president again, including a case scheduled for argument late April about whether he can be criminally prosecuted on election interference charges, including his role in the Capitol riot. The timing of the first court’s intervention has raised questions about whether Trump will be tried before the November election.

The arguments in February were the first time the high court had heard a case involving Section 3. The two-sentence provision, intended to keep some Confederates from holding office again, says that those who violate oaths to support the Constitution are barred from various positions including congressional offices or serving as federal judges. But it does not specifically mention the presidency.

Conservative and liberal justices questioned the case against Trump. Their main concern was whether Congress must act before states can enforce the 14th Amendment. There also were questions about whether the president is covered by the Constitution.

The lawyers for Republican and independent voters who sued to remove Trump’s name from the Colorado ballot had argued that there is ample

evidence that the events of Jan. 6 constituted an insurrection and that it was incited by Trump, who had exhorted a crowd of his supporters at a rally outside the White House to “fight like hell.” They said it would be absurd to apply Section 3 to everything but the presidency or that Trump is somehow exempt. And the provision needs no enabling legislation, they argued.

Trump’s lawyers mounted several arguments for why the amendment can’t be used to keep him off the ballot. They contended the Jan. 6 riot wasn’t an insurrection and, even if it was, Trump did not go to the

Capitol or join the rioters. The wording of the amendment also excludes the presidency and includes the running for president, they said. Even if all those arguments failed, they said, Congress must pass legislation to reinstate Section 3. The case was decided by a court that includes three justices appointed by Trump when he was president. They have considered many Trump-related cases in recent years, declining to embrace his bogus claims of fraud in the 2020 election and refusing to shield tax records from Congress and prosecutors in New York.

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sheet. That's about \$58.65 for an owner of a \$300,000 home in the Anchorage Bowl. The school district's bond would cost the same homeowner about \$38.07.

But while the city issues new bonds each year, it also pays off debt each year as it retires old bonds. This year the city is paying off \$38.5 million in principal. That counteracts some of the net tax impact of newly-approved bonds, helping to balance the tax burden on property owners.

Voter-approved bonds aren't generally issued right away, so it usually takes one to two years before taxpayers see an impact to their bill.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to voters on Tuesday, and April 2 is the final day to vote.

Prop. 1: Anchorage School District capital improvements bond — \$62.4 million

The Anchorage School District is asking voters to approve a \$62.37 million bond to help replace Inlet View Elementary School and for roof replacements, seismic and security upgrades at other schools. The bond would cost property taxpayers approximately \$12.69 per \$100,000 in assessed value.

Projects include roof replacements, structural and seismic upgrades at Alpenglow Elementary School, Central Middle School and Chugiak High School. The bond would pay for security vestibules and security improvements at Kasuun, Lake Hood and Klatt elementary schools, and renovation design for Homer Middle School. About \$15 million would fund part of the cost of the Inlet View rebuild in the South Addition neighborhood. About \$43 million would go to the upgrades at other schools.

In 2022, a \$111 million school bond that included \$31 million for Inlet View's replacement narrowly failed.

The total cost of the Inlet View project is estimated at \$50 million, and over the summer the school board allocated \$26 million in funds from a one-time school bond debt reimbursement package from the Alaska Legislature toward the project.

Prop. 2: Anchorage Assembly confirmation of the municipality's chief medical officer

This proposition is asking residents to revise the municipality's charter in order to require Anchorage Assembly confirmation of the city's top health official, the chief medical officer of the Anchorage Health Department.

Currently, the chief medical officer is selected by the mayor but does not undergo the confirmation process that other top city executives go through. The proposition, if approved, would mean that future chief medical officers chosen by the mayor would also go through Assembly confirmation.

Proponents of the charter revision say it would bring the important chief medical officer position in line with the public process for installing other department heads and top public safety officials. Mayor Dave Bronson has opposed the idea, saying that it infringes on the mayor's executive authority.

The chief medical officer is the city government's top medical advisor on issues concerning public health. The doctor provides guidance to the Anchorage Health Department and oversees its many medical programs, including its immunizations and vaccines at the public health clinic, reproductive health care services and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Usually an important but behind-the-scenes position, the COVID-19 pandemic thrust the chief medical officer and the health department into a much more prominent public role.

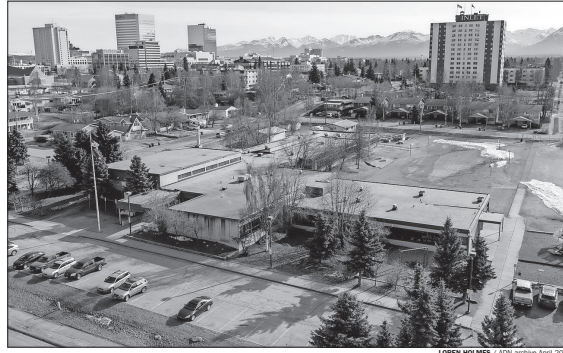
Prop. 3: Anchorage roads and storm drainage bond — \$47.1 million

The city is proposing a \$47.1 million bond for more than two dozen improvement projects in the Anchorage Bowl. It would cost property taxpayers in the road service area an estimated \$12.43 per \$100,000 in assessed value. The roads and storm drainage bond is an annual proposition.

- \$5 million for a snow disposal site in West Anchorage;
- \$1 million for snow removal equipment;
- \$7 million for resurfacing a stretch of East Northern Lights Boulevard from Lake Otis Parkway to Bragaw Street;
- An \$8.6 million upgrade to East 42nd Avenue, from Lake Otis Parkway to Florina Street;
- \$3.8 million for phase two of a project to resurface East 30th Avenue from La-touche Street to Lake Otis Parkway;
- And \$4 million in upgrades to lighting and signals in downtown.

Prop. 4: Anchorage Parks and Recreation capital improvements bond — \$4.4 million

A \$4.35 million bond, if approved, would fund projects and improvements at 13 different parks and trail areas in the Anchorage Bowl.



Inlet View Elementary School in April 2018.

LOREN HOLMES / ADN archive April 2018



EMILY MESNER / ADN archive September 2021

Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery in September 2021.

For property taxpayers in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area, it would mean an estimated annual increase of \$1.04 per \$100,000 in assessed value, and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of about \$0.75 per \$100,000 in assessed value, to pay for ongoing maintenance and operations. Taxpayers in parts of the Anchorage Hillside, and in Girdwood, Eagle River, Chugiak and Birchwood would not be affected.

Projects include, among others:

- \$1.5 million for the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail connection project.

• \$600,000 for improvements at Russian Jack Springs Park. Those projects include disability access improvements, chalet area upgrades, paved trail rehabilitation and bridge replacement, and lighting, among others.

• \$350,000 to improve and enhance safety at Mountain View's neighborhood park.

• \$300,000 for a multi-year project to improve Campbell Creek Trail, including for resurfacing with new asphalt, drainage improvements, bridge replacements and new wayfinding signs.

• \$300,000 for renovations in city playgrounds, including upgrading play equipment and safety surfacing.

Prop. 5: Public safety (police) bond — \$1.5 million

This \$1.5 million bond would fund a project to reconstruct the roof and renovate the heating system at the Anchorage Police Department's Elmore Station.

It would cost \$0.21 per \$100,000 of assessed value for property taxpayers in the metropolitan police service area, which encompasses all areas of the municipality north of McHugh Creek, including the Anchorage Bowl, Eagle River, Birchwood and Chugiak.

Prop. 6: Public safety and transit capital improvements bond — \$4.6 million

A \$4.56 million bond would pay for numerous projects to improve city transportation services and traffic safety. Those include \$1 million for traffic calming projects. Other improvements include: traffic signals and signs, school zone safety, transit facilities and bus stops, transit fleet, equipment and vehicle replacement.

If approved, the bond would result in an estimated annual increase of \$0.93 per \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value and an annual increase in the tax cap of about \$0.33.

Prop. 7: Cemetery capital improvements bond — \$4.1 million

Anchorage is running out of public burial space. The city has proposed a \$4.1 million bond to establish cemeteries in Girdwood and Eagle River and to improve the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery downtown.

The bond would cost property taxpayers an annual increase of about \$0.83 per \$100,000 in assessed value. It would also increase the municipal tax cap by approximately \$0.01 annually, to pay for operation and maintenance costs.

Planning work for a Girdwood cemetery has been ongoing for more than two decades, according to a memorandum. A tract of public land has been chosen, a schematic plan has been made, and the project is ready for construction in four phases.

The first phase would establish a cemetery ready for use, and \$1.75 million of the bond would go toward the cemetery's infrastructure, clearing the land and making a trail system, constructing a parking lot and building a communal shelter and columbarium for cremains. If the bond is approved, work could begin as soon as this summer.

Similarly, planning work for a cemetery in Eagle River has been underway for more than 12 years. A site has been selected and a four-phase plan has been developed, and \$1.75 million of the bond would go toward part of the first construction phase.

At Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery, \$600,000 would go to equipment, improvements and renovations, including improving disability accommodations at the park.

The bond would allow work on the proposed cemeteries to begin, but more funding will be needed to complete them, and it's likely voters will see another such bond in the next few years.

Prop. 8: Public restrooms bond — \$5 million

The city is asking Anchorage voters whether they want to see up to 10

modular-style public bathrooms purchased and installed around the city, with a \$5 million bond.

Anchorage currently offers just a handful of public restrooms, and they're largely port-a-potties. Supporters of the measure say the lack of facilities is often problematic for tourists, city residents and people using the city's extensive park and trail system. The burden often falls to local businesses to provide restrooms. Supporters also say that the type of facilities will stand up well to public use, help to keep parks and trails clean and alleviate public health issues, especially for homeless residents who don't have regular access to bathrooms. While critics have questioned the facilities' price tag, supporters say the cost of port-a-potties and cleanup also add up.

If approved, the city would use a public procurement process to purchase the modular-style bathrooms, possibly Portland Loos from Oregon-based company Madden Fabrication, or other similar bathrooms from another company.

The bond would increase property taxes by \$1.01 per \$100,000 in assessed value. The proposition also calls for increasing the tax cap by up to \$300,000 to pay for annual maintenance and operations, which would be an increase of \$0.79 per \$100,000 in assessed value.

Prop. 9: Chugach State Park access improvements bond — \$4 million

As a way to begin solving longstanding problems with access points for Chugach State Park and lack of infrastructure, Anchorage voters last year approved a new bonding and taxing mechanism for making improvements — the Chugach Access Service Area, or CASHA.

This year, voters will decide whether to approve the first such CASHA bond. If passed, the city would issue up to \$4 million in bonds for access improvements to a popular hiking area on the south side of Flattop Mountain.

The project would recondition and pave Canyon Road from its intersection with Echo Canyon Road to the boundary of Chugach State Park. The area leads to the primary access point for the Sunnyside trail, which zig-zags the back side of Flattop, along with trails to Peak 2, Peak 3, Parmigan Tarn, and the Rabbi Lake trail. The project would add roadside parking.

This bond would cost property taxpayers in the Anchorage Bowl an annual increase of \$0.95 per \$100,000 in assessed value. It would not increase taxes for voters in the municipality outside of the Anchorage bowl, such as in Girdwood and Eagle River.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Municipality of Anchorage

**2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report**  
**Notice of Public Hearing and 15 Day Public Comment Period**

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) announces that the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available for review and public comment starting today, March 12, 2024. Call 907-343-4822 to request a copy of the CAPER from the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), 825 L Street, Room 506. The CAPER is posted on the AHD web page at: <https://tinyurl.com/AHD-CSD>.

The CAPER reports on housing and community development activities and accomplishments from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with a focus on activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

A presentation on the contents of the report and the public hearing will be held on March 21, 2024 at AHD, 825 L Street, Room 423, 3:00-4:00 PM. The public is invited to attend and provide comments in person during the meeting. The meeting will also be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. Information and how to participate in the public hearing is posted on the website: <https://tinyurl.com/AHD-CSD>. The website includes access for the Teams Meeting and the call-in number. There is also a call-in (audio-only) number: +1 907-519-0237 - United States, Anchorage - Phone Conference ID: 482 289 949#.

The 15-day public comment period for the CAPER starts March 12, 2024. Comments received by 5:00 PM, March 27, 2024 will be accepted by mail, email, or delivery to the following location:

Mail: Municipality of Anchorage  
Anchorage Health Department  
Human Services Division  
Community Safety and Development  
PO Box 196650  
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Fax: 907-343-4107  
Email: [ahdcd@moa.alaska.gov](mailto:ahdcd@moa.alaska.gov)

All public comments received at the public hearing or through other acceptable methods during the public comment period will be considered by the Municipality.

Individuals in need of a language interpreter or with disabilities who need auxiliary aids, services, special accommodations or modifications to participate should contact Valerie Madison at three days before the public hearing by telephone at 907-343-4822 or e-mail [Valerie.Madison@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Valerie.Madison@anchorageak.gov).

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Upward bullying: When employees think they can run the show

She came to work early, rarely took a full lunch break, and almost always worked past 5 p.m. Six of her nine employees considered her an effective leader. She ran a successful department until her other three direct reports drove her out.



LYNNE CURRY THE WORKPLACE

Empowered by their victory, this "gang of three" ran off two successive managers before the company's senior leadership realized they had a problem.

We rarely discuss upward bullying and its impact, but we should. Researchers estimate 14% of workplace bullying is upward and can result in career derailment for managers targeted by bullying employees. Even worse, when an organization allows a clique of employee bullies to succeed, they become unmanageable.

Employees who bully Like other bullies, employees who bully feel no remorse.

Employee bullies may include those who see their manager's job as a promotional opportunity and will stop at nothing to topple the manager. The uproar they create through backstabbing, gossip, disrespect and covert sabotage empowers them. They often possess protections that prevent their manager from handling the bullying, such as strong out-of-office or nepotistic relationships with their direct manager's supervisors.

Why bullied managers don't ask for help

Bullied managers rarely ask for help. They may feel shame because others believe a manager should be able to handle

an employee's antics. They may lack power, knowing the bully employee has the protection of a union contract or friends in high places that don't see the bully for what he is. The bully employee may possess talents making them hard to replace, or may have worked in the organization for years, making firing them an uphill battle with significant negative consequences.

How bully employees succeed

As I describe in "Beating the Workplace Bully," upward bullying often begins with subtle gaslighting, withholding of key information, behind-the-scenes backbiting and other covert behaviors that erode the manager's ability to supervise. Bully employees generally have more time and opportunity than the manager to connect with co-workers and to turn them against the manager.

Solutions

If this column hits home because you're a bullied manager or realize you have a bully-infested department within your organization, you need to act justly yet swiftly. The longer you wait, the worse things get. Bullies destroy a work environment with toxic behavior, driving out good employees and frustrating their immediate managers until they reach a boiling point and react.

If you're a targeted manager and too embarrassed to ask for help, drop your shame baggage. A bully's problematic behavior isn't necessarily a direct reflection on your leadership ability, but failing to act would be. You can't allow bully employees to run the show or otherwise allow them free rein to act out until things spiral out of control. As the manager, you need to lead. You can't afford to downplay what's going on, nor to bury yourself in your work while allowing

your bully employee unchecked access to their bully pulpit. No matter how large your workload, invest time in your relationships with each of your employees. Bully employees cultivate covert relationships with their peers and poison them against you. They can't accomplish this if your employees know and like you.

Finally, let fairness guide you to the right action. Is it right and just to let a bully employee get away with bad behavior? No. You're the manager; you need to act.

Lynne Curry writes a weekly column on workplace issues. She is author of "Navigating Conflict," "Managing for Accountability," "Beating the Workplace Bully" and "Solutions," and workplacecoachblog.com. Submit questions at workplacecoachblog.com/ask-a-coach/ or follow her on workplacecoachblog.com. LinkedIn: lynnecurry.com or @lynnecurry10 on X, formerly known as Twitter.



Content creator Jensen Savannah, left, and her fiancé and brand manager Jorge Milanes, produce a client video at El Puro Cuban Restaurant on March 14 in Charlotte, N.C.

TikTok creators warn of economic impact if app sees ban, call it a vital space for the marginalized

Leah Willingham Associated Press

Alex Pearlman shut the door on dreams of a stand-up comedy career almost a decade ago, pivoting from the stage to an office cubicle where he worked a customer service job. Then he started posting random jokes on a commentary about pop culture and politics on TikTok. Just over 2.5 million followers later, he quit his nine-to-five and recently booked his first nationwide tour.

Pearlman is among the many TikTok creators across the U.S. outraged over a bipartisan bill passed by the House of Representatives on Wednesday that would lead to a nationwide ban of the popular video app if its China-based owner, ByteDance, doesn't sell its stake. The bill still needs to go through the Senate, where its prospects are unclear.

Content creators say a ban would hurt countless people and businesses that rely on TikTok for a significant portion of their income, while also arguing TikTok has become an unrivaled platform for dialogue and community.

Pearlman, who lives outside Philadelphia, said TikTok has transformed his life, allowing him to live a dream, provide for his family and spend the first three months of his newborn son's life at home. His customer service job only offered paternity leave equivalent to three weeks off, with two weeks paid.

"I don't take a day for granted on this app, because it's been so shocking," said Pearlman, 39. "In reality, TikTok has been the driver of American social media for the last four years. Something will step into that place if TikTok vanishes tomorrow. Whether or not that will be better or worse, Congress has no way of knowing."

TikTok, which launched in 2016, has skyrocketed in popularity, growing faster than Instagram, YouTube or Facebook. The push to remove the app from Chinese authority follows concerns from lawmakers,

law enforcement and intelligence officials about the security of user data, potential suppression of content unfavorable to the Chinese government and the possibility that the platform could boost pro-Beijing propaganda, all of which TikTok denies.

To date, the U.S. government hasn't provided any evidence showing TikTok shared U.S. user data with Chinese authorities.

The move comes as the pandemic saw huge growth in digital marketing as people were stuck at home consuming — and creating content at levels not seen before.

Jensen Savannah, a 29-year-old from Charlotte, began making TikToks of her travels around the Carolinas during the pandemic. Now a full-time influencer, she has tripled her income since leaving her telecommunications sales job.

"Social media influencer" is almost to be looked at as the new print and the new form of radio and TV advertising," she said. "It's going to bring your dollar much farther than it is in traditional marketing."

Some creators describe it as a digital equalizer of sorts, providing a platform for people of color and other marginalized groups to get opportunities and exposure.

"I've always had Twitter, I've had Facebook, I've had Instagram. But TikTok was the first one where, if you want to find somebody who looks like yourself and represents you in any type of way, you can find it," said Joshua Dairien, a Black, 30-year-old content creator in Auburn, Alabama. Dairien makes videos about his state's ghost stories, urban legends and history.

Growing up, he loved researching everything parer or not that will be better or worse, Congress has no lot of Black representation in the field. Exposure on TikTok has led to jobs writing freelance pieces and contributing to documentaries about paranormal occurrences and unsolved mysteries. The app also gave Dairien the flexibility and confidence to open his

own coffee shop, where he gets visits at least once a day from fans of his work.

He thinks banning TikTok sets "a dangerous precedent about how much power our highest levels of government can wield."

Others say the app is both a financial and social safety net. Chris Bautista, a food truck owner in Los Angeles catering to television and movie sets, started using TikTok during the pandemic to connect with members of the LGBTQ+ community and show support for those who might be having a hard time.

Bautista, 37, grew up in a conservative Christian community outside LA and didn't come out until his late 20s. As a young person, he struggled with his mental health and considered suicide. He wanted to create a platform he could have used as a teenager, one showing that someone like him could go to that dark place and come out the other side a "well-adjusted, confident person."

"I just find the corners of TikTok that I find myself in to be so wildly important and profound," according to Bautista, who said it would be "heartbreaking" if the app was banned.

Bautista didn't start posting with the intention of monetizing the experience, but money from projects tied to the app came at the right time: If it wasn't for the extra income he earned

Joann files for bankruptcy as consumers pull back on nonessentials

Jaclyn Peiser The Washington Post

Joann, long a destination for sewing and crafts enthusiasts, filed for bankruptcy Monday as consumers continue to scale back on nonessentials and online competition intensifies. The company, which has been in operation since 1943, said it has no plans to shutter any of its more than 800 stores in 49 states. In a news release, the Hudson, Ohio-based chain said it had reached a deal to secure "approximately \$132 million in new financing and related financial accommodations and expects to reduce funded debt on its balance sheet by approximately \$505 million."

Joann will become a private company after it completes the bankruptcy process, which could occur as early as next month. It also expects to retain its workforce of 18,205, and said the filing would have no effect on company gift cards or its reward program.

Scott Sekella, Joann's chief financial officer, said the agreement would provide the company with the "financial resources and flexibility necessary to continue to deliver best-in-class product assortment and enhance the customer experience." He also noted that 95 percent of its stores were "cash flow positive."

Joann is the latest specialty retailer to seek Chapter 11 protection as online option like Amazon lure away shoppers. Bed Bath & Beyond, Christmas Tree Shops and David's Bridal all filed for bankruptcy last year.

Joann and its peers saw a resurgence during the pandemic, as homebound consumers looked for ways to entertain themselves or beautify their spaces. But a long feared politicians would come after TikTok. He compared the experience of finding out about the House vote to finally getting the call that an ailing loved one has died.

"The part that's disturbing to me is, I feel like for a lot of Americans, TikTok and social media in general is a release valve. It's kind of become a default complaint box," he said. "So to many people, it feels like they're trying to use the complaint box instead of dealing with the complaint."

25% since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. Unlike some of the other struggling retailers, Joann has a promising plan to exit bankruptcy quickly, which "would be a remarkable result in today's retail climate," said Sarah Poss, legal and bankruptcy expert at analytics company Debtwire. "Other brick-and-mortar retail chains like Bed Bath & Beyond, Christmas Tree Shops and Soft Surroundings (tingered) in bankruptcy before ultimately having to liquidate."

Bed Bath & Beyond, one of the first big retailers in the specialty-store space, announced in April 2023 that it would close all 360 of its namesake stores. But the brand still lives online after Overstock — once an online repository for closet-out furniture and home decor — acquired its intellectual property for \$21.5 million in June. David's Bridal, which had about 278 stores, was sold to Cion Investment Corp., which has kept nearly 200 stores running and invested \$20 million to fund the chain's growth.

But Joann still has its challenges, said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData, a business research and analytics firm. While it's still "a force to be reckoned with in the fabrics and textiles space, it has lost customers to rivals over recent years."

The retailer's store standards, including customer service, have waned, he said, making the brick-and-mortar experience less appealing. "And a desire for lower prices has driven some shoppers to alternatives like Hobby Lobby."

In its filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, the company listed its total assets at \$2.26 billion and total debts at \$2.44 billion. Joann's stock fell 20.6 percent Monday, closing at 18 cents. It has lost 91 percent of its value in the past year.



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3/22/2024 at 11 A.M. Inside the Main Entrance of the Boney Courthouse 303 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99504 Property Address: 1500 Eldorado Circle #1, Anchorage, AK 99507 Unit No. 1500-1, The Cape Hatteras at Commodore Park Condominium 2 bed 2 1/2 car garage 1264 sq ft This property is not available for viewing prior to sale Appraised Value: \$250,000. OPENING BID AMOUNT: \$189,006.39 Cash or Certified Funds Only Property is sold "as is, where is," no warranties expressed or implied For more information contact Michelle Luciano Mortgage Assistance Officer, NMLS #1831112 at 907-261-4628, Northrim Bank, NMLS #490464, servicing agent for AHFC Sale date and bid amount are subject to change



Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

**Form AB-07: Public Notice Posting Affidavit**

**Why is this form needed?**

A public notice posting affidavit is required for all liquor license applications. An applicant must give notice of a liquor license application to the public by posting a true copy of the **Form AB-00** (new licenses) or **Form AB-01** (license transfers) for ten (10) days at the location of the proposed licensed premises and one other conspicuous location in the area of the proposed premises, per AS 04.11.310 and 3 AAC 304.125. The public notice must be given within the 60 days immediately preceding filing of the application.

**This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's Anchorage office before any license application will be considered**

**Section 1 – Establishment Information**

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc.		
License Type:	Package Store License		
Doing Business As:	Home2 Suites Anchorage/Midtown		
Premises Address:	4700 Union Square Dr.		
City:	Anchorage	State:	AK
		ZIP:	99503

**Section 2 – Certification**

I certify that I have met the public notice requirement set forth under AS 04.11.310 by posting a copy of my application for the following 10-day period at the location of the proposed licensed premises and at the following conspicuous location in the area of the proposed premises:

Start Date: March 25, 2024 End Date: April 5, 2024

Other conspicuous location: Anchorage Post Office

Read the statement below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of the statement:

Initials

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Matthew Rash  
 President

*Matthew Rash*

Printed name of licensee

Signature of licensee