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Please vote NO on the proposed change to Ordinance 24-03-670 that would amend the code for issuing land use permits. The item is on the agenda for this upcoming meeting.

The proposed change from 10 days to 30 days would create serious problems to businesses and individuals needing a permit in our very short construction window.

We all know that when it is time to build in Alaska, it is time to build. Not to have to wait for up to 30 days to get permission from Borough staff.

There is a current, and hopefully temporary, problem with staffing at the Borough that may be creating many challenges to staff. However changing the ordinance to make addressing a temporary problem with a permanent change makes no sense. There are other solutions that can be considered, including providing staff overtime or hiring a short-term permitting specialist to catch up on permits.

There are enough challenges to living here and doing business here. Let's not throw another road block in the way of moving successfully into the future.

Thank you.

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