

Its time to Contact the Assembly's Mining Committee

The Mining Committee has a draft revision of the Mining ordinance that can be found at <https://cdn.juneau.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Draft-Mining-Ordinance-Revision-for-Public-Review-1.pdf>

Written comments are due by February 22, 2018 to the City Clerk. Email to: city.clerk@juneau.org or mail to 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, AK 99801

Public testimony will be held at City Hall in the Assembly Chambers on March 1, 2018 beginning at 5:30 PM.

We need your support for mining by telling the Assembly Mining Subcommittee you support mining and that the Ordinance needs to be changed! PLEASE ATTEND the March 1 hearing. This is your chance to support the possibility of new mining in Juneau and the Jobs and expanded tax base they would bring to Juneau. The Ordinance protects our environment but can be streamlined for efficiency and fairness. The one big point is removing the socio-economic study that is required of no other applicant of any CBJ permit. It is an issue that could be addresses in the conditional use permit if necessary.

The points below offer some suggestions you might want to mention in your supportive comments.

CBJ Mining Ordinance Revision

Suggested Bullets for those Testifying/Emailing Comments by Feb. 22 and
For the March 1, 2018 CBJ Mining Ordinance Meeting

1. We have two operating mines in Juneau that provide jobs, pay the most taxes in the CBJ, and have a great environmental record. To get a CBJ permit they are required to submit their state and federal permits and agree to conditions determined by the Planning Commission to mitigate site-specific environmental concerns.
 - a. A similar model for mines on the road system would eliminate Mining Ordinance processes that duplicate what the state and federal permits already require.
 - b. A similar model would achieve the same environmental protections and retain the public participation opportunities currently in the Mining Ordinance.
2. The CBJ Mining Ordinance should be clarified to eliminate duplicative permitting processes and bonding already covered by Federal and State statutes and regulations and permits.
3. Eliminate requirement for a Socio-Economic Study/Mitigation Requirements
 - a. There is no such requirement for a similar influx of jobs from government or military entities or private businesses
 - b. CBJ thirsting for new jobs due to loss of 540 State and Federal Government jobs in last four years.

- c. The socio-economic impacts caused by new families would be covered by the taxes the workers pay and the taxes paid by their employer.
4. Eliminate duplicative reclamation bonding requirements where already required by Federal and State permitting agencies
5. The CBJ desperately needs an increased tax base to continue paying for the services it provides including education, public safety and maintenance of its transportation assets. Stress the importance of mining industry to CBJ tax base i.e. the two highest CBJ tax assessments are Greens Creek Mine and Kensington Mine totaling \$364 million or 7.5% of the entire CBJ assessed valuation
6. Stress that additional mines satisfies new high paying jobs – jobs that could help to replace the recent losses of State jobs – i.e. CBJ has lost 540 State jobs since 2014.