

Local Government Information Tutorial: Alaska Statutes and Regulations



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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LeGIT Calendar for June & July

Date	Topic	Presenter
June 5, 2025	Tribal Constitutions & Bylaws	Brendan Smyth
June 12, 2025	Municipal Ordinances & Resolutions	Breanna Armstrong
June 19, 2025	State Holiday – No LeGIT	N/A
June 26, 2025	Codification	Lynn Kenealy
July 3, 2025	Policies & Procedures	Rebecca Rein
July 10, 2025	Pre-Election Day Tasks	Sonya Pevan
July 17, 2025	Election Day	Trisha Sullivan
July 24, 2025	Post-Election Tasks	Sonya Pevan
July 31, 2025	Municipal Lands Trustee Program	Chris Grundman



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Level of Laws

Statutes

Regulations

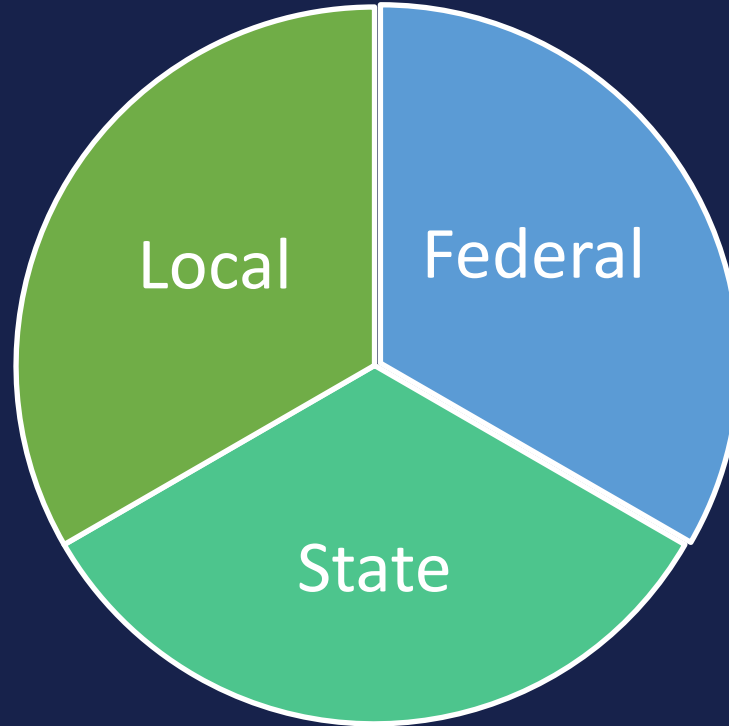
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Presentation Overview

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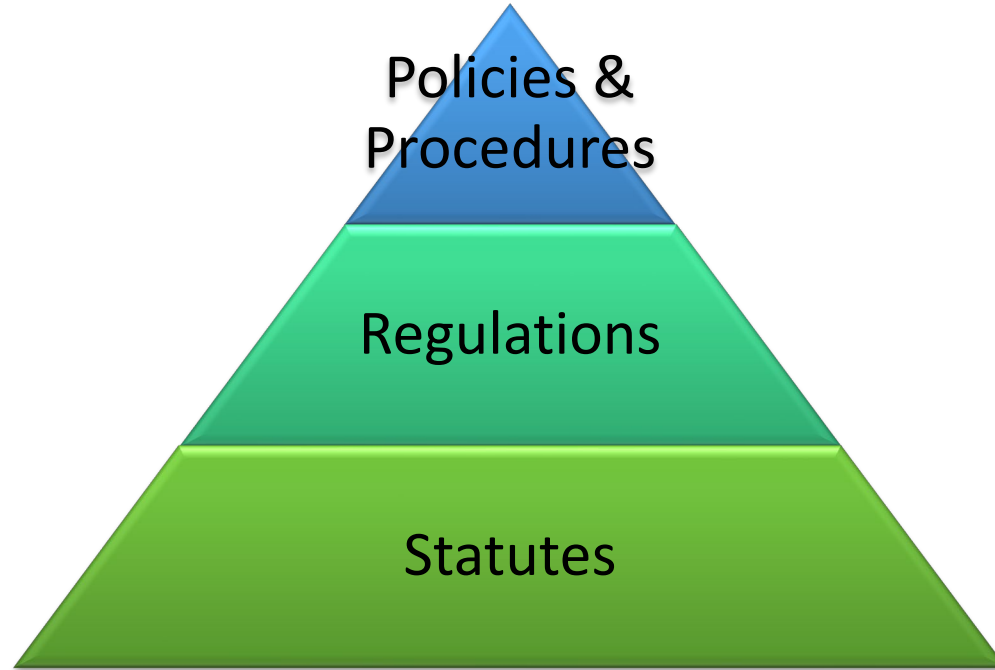
Levels of Government



Levels of Law

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Statutes, Regulations, and Policies & Procedures



Level of Laws

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Statutes

- A written law passed by a legislative body – Bill
- Alaska has 47 Titles
- Title 29: Municipal Government



Statutes

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Bill Process

- The Idea
- Drafting
- Introduction
- First Reading: Referral to Committees
 - Uniform Rule 20
- Committee Consideration
- Second Reading: Receipt of Committee Reports; Consideration of Amendments
- Third Reading: Final Passage
- Time for Reconsideration
- Disagreement?
- Enrollment and Signature

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Statutes – Bill Process

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Role of the Governor

- Action Time!
 - 15 days if the Legislature is in session
 - 20 days if the Legislature has adjourned
- Constitutional Mandate!
 - Sign, Veto, or Not

Bill to Law

- Bill becomes an “Act”
- Given a Chapter number.
- It’s a STATUTE!



Statutes – Bill Process

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Alaska Statutes

- ❖ Title 29 – Municipal Governments
- ❖ Title 4 – Alcoholic Beverages (Local Options)
- ❖ Title 15 – Elections
- ❖ Title 40 – Public Records Act
- ❖ Title 44 – Open Meetings Act



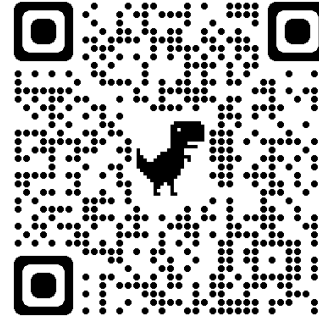
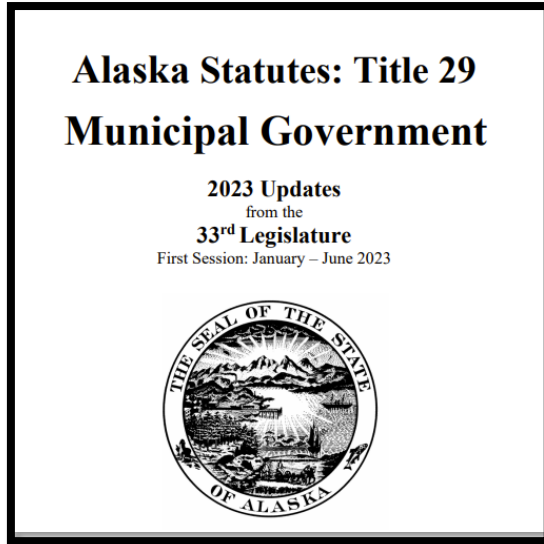
Statutes - Alaska

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2024->Statutes

Title 1. General Provisions.
Title 2. Aeronautics.
Title 3. Agriculture, Animals, and Food.
Title 4. Alcoholic Beverages.
Title 5. Amusements and Sports.
Title 6. Banks and Financial Institutions.
Title 7. Boroughs.
Title 8. Business and Professions.
Title 9. Code of Civil Procedure.
Title 10. Corporations and Associations.
Title 11. Criminal Law.
Title 12. Code of Criminal Procedure.
Title 13. Decedents' Estates, Guardianships, Transfers, Trusts, and Health Care Decisions.
Title 14. Education, Libraries, and Museums.
Title 15. Elections.
Title 16. Fish and Game.
Title 17. Food and Drugs.
Title 18. Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and Public Defender.
Title 19. Highways and Ferries.
Title 20. Infants and Incompetents.
Title 21. Insurance.
Title 22. Judiciary.
Title 23. Labor and Workers' Compensation.
Title 24. Legislature and Lobbying.
Title 25. Marital and Domestic Relations.
Title 26. Military Affairs, Veterans, Disasters, and Aerospace.
Title 27. Mining.
Title 28. Motor Vehicles.
Title 29. Municipal Government.
Title 30. Navigation, Harbors, Shipping, and Transportation Facilities.
Title 31. Oil and Gas.
Title 32. Partnership.
Title 33. Probation, Prisons, Pardons, and Prisoners.
Title 34. Property.
Title 35. Public Buildings, Works, and Improvements.
Title 36. Public Contracts.
Title 37. Public Finance.
Title 38. Public Land.
Title 39. Public Officers and Employees.
Title 40. Public Records and Records.
Title 41. Public Resources.
Title 42. Public Utilities and Carriers and Energy Programs.
Title 43. Revenue and Taxation.
Title 44. State Government.
Title 45. Trade and Commerce.
Title 46. Water, Air, Energy, and Environmental Conservation.
Title 47. Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions.

Alaska Statute Title 29: Municipal Government



Set of State laws that deal directly with municipalities!

Updated annually

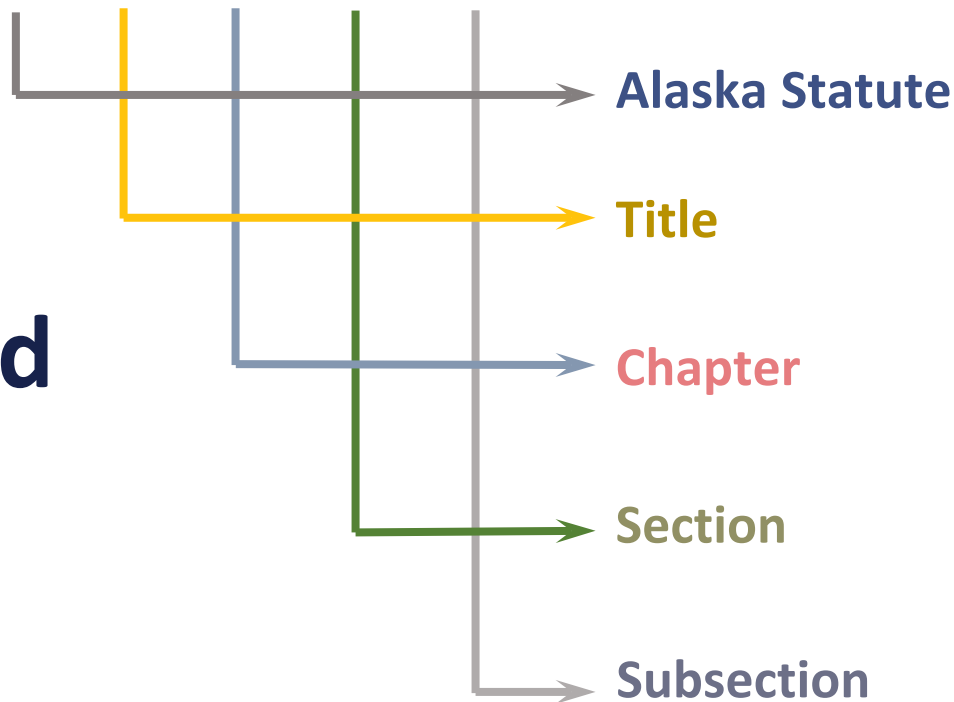


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Organized



Statutes – Title 29

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Chapters

Organization

- Chapter 03 The Unorganized Borough
- Chapter 04 Classification of Municipalities
- Chapter 05 Incorporation
- Chapter 06 Alteration of Municipalities
- Chapter 10 Home Rule Municipalities

Routine Operations

- Chapter 20 Municipal Officers & Employees
- Chapter 25 Municipal Enactment
- Chapter 26 Elections
- Chapter 35 Municipal Powers and Duties
- Chapter 40 Planning, Platting, & Land Use Regulations

Taxation, Assessment, Debt

- Chapter 45 Municipal Taxation
- Chapter 46 Special Assessments
- Chapter 47 Municipal Debt

State Assistance

- Chapter 55 Municipal Programs
- Chapter 60 State Programs
- Chapter 65 General Grant Land
- Chapter 71 General Provisions



Statutes – Title 29

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Regulations

Written by government agencies to help make sure the laws are being implemented



Regulations

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Developing Regulations

- Developed by agencies in the executive branch.
- Public Notice when a regulation is proposed.
- Forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor's office for filing and publishing.
- Becomes effective 30 days after being filed by the Lieutenant Governor's office.



Regulations

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Title 1 General Provisions

Title 2 Administration

Title 3 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Title 4 Education and Early Development

Title 5 Fish and Game

Title 6 Governor's Office

Title 7 Health and Social Services

Title 8 Labor and Workforce Development

Title 9 Law

Title 10 Military and Veterans Affairs

Title 11 Natural Resources

Title 12 Professional Regulations

Title 13 Public Safety

Title 14 Public Works

Title 15 Revenue

Title 16 Economic Development

Title 17 Transportation and Public Facilities

Title 18 Environmental Conservation

Title 19 Community and Regional Affairs

Title 20 Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions

Title 21 Ombudsman

Title 22 Department of Corrections

Title 23 Office of Victims' Rights

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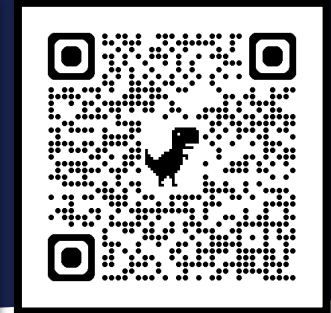
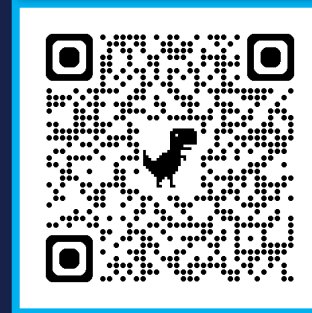
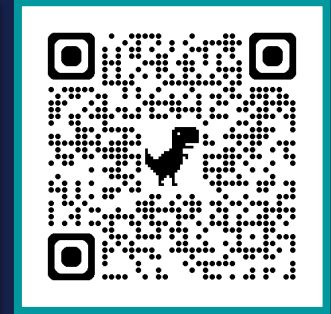
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Thank you!

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