



Fourth Avenue was Anchorage's major commercial area throughout its early history. The photograph below, taken at Fourth and C streets looking west, shows the wide variety of businesses that lined up along Fourth Avenue during the late 1920s.







4th AVENUE LOOKING WEST 1915



4th AVENUE LOOKING EAST 1915



4th AVENUE LOOKING WEST 1963



4th AVENUE LOOKING EAST 1963





Cleanup of Fourth Avenue in Anchorage.



Anchorage's red-light district on Fourth Avenue.



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Fourth Avenue in 1976 — quite a change from the old days.
("Old days" being anytime before about 1970. . . .)

Fourth Avenue Bars: by the numbers

- In 1942, there were **12 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- In 1945, there were **17 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- In 1950, there were **23 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- In 1964, on the eve of the earthquake, there were at least **25 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- In 1970, there were only **14 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- In 1980, there were only **11 bars** on Fourth Avenue
- ***In 2015, only one of the Fourth Avenue bars from 1942 is still in business***



The store fronts on these two buildings have been altered over time; however, they are among the earliest buildings on Fourth Avenue.



In the 1941 Fur Rendezvous parade, the Army band takes to the streets in Anchorage, along with a couple of loose dogs, passing by the Cheechako Tavern, Star Air Lines, and the North Pole Bakery.



By the late 1910s, Seattle, Tacoma and Sitka were beginning to look like they were starting to catch up to Anchorage in the corner of Fourth Avenue and E Street. A lot of things including the construction of Alaska's first skyscraper—the 10-story, 1916 building on Alaska Avenue—were under way. The building, known as the "Skyscraper" in a newspaper, was built by the late 1910s. Other developments included the Navy Air Station and the High Bridge. The history

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The corner of Fourth Avenue and E Street is one of the most photographed spots in Anchorage. It's a mix of old and new, with historic buildings and modern skyscrapers. The building, known as the "Skyscraper" in a newspaper, was built by the late 1910s. Other developments included the Navy Air Station and the High Bridge. The history

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A *seance* is defined as a sitting or a session. Customers who sit in Richmond's for a session claim that every time they knock on the bar, spirits appear.