

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 **RESOLUTION 16-064**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A TIER 1
8 RASMUSON FOUNDATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000
9 FOR THE BOAT HOUSE PAVILION.

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11 WHEREAS, The City of Homer’s 2011 Homer Spit Comprehensive Plan prioritizes
12 establishing an accessible, centrally located, landmark plaza and drop-off zone; and

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14 WHEREAS, The Boat House Project, a grassroots effort spearheaded by community
15 volunteers, proposes to provide such a space in a heavily-trafficked area of the Homer Spit
16 where the old Homer Harbormaster’s Office once stood; and

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18 WHEREAS, The Boat House Project has publicly engaged community members, Homer
19 City Council, the Homer Port & Harbor Commission, the Homer Planning Commission, and
20 numerous civic groups in the area to solicit feedback and develop design options utilizing pro
21 bono architectural services provided by ECI; and

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23 WHEREAS, The City of Homer endorsed the project by adopting Resolution 16-043
24 which amended the City of Homer Land Allocation Plan to expand the designated uses of
25 Homer Spit Subdivision Amended Lot 28 to include the Boat House Pavilion; and

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27 WHEREAS, The City of Homer, as owner of Lot 28 has agreed to own, operate and
28 maintain the Boat House Pavilion upon approval of all aspects of the project from design and
29 planning to permitting, site development and construction; and

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31 WHEREAS, The Boat House Project volunteers have raised over \$125,000 in private
32 donations toward its goal of \$210,000, with broad-based support from over 150 individuals
33 and businesses; and

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35 WHEREAS, The Rasumson Foundation’s Tier 1 Grant Program makes funds available
36 to units of government for capital projects which provide broad community impact; and

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38 WHEREAS, The Boat House Pavilion will provide a broad range of aesthetic, recreation
39 and economic benefits such as:

- 40 • The maritime-themed public space highlighting Homer’s working harbor and
- 41 rich maritime traditions will contribute to the shape and welcoming feel of the
- 42 Spit for locals and visitors alike;
- 43 • Alleviating congestion and improving pedestrian safety in one of the busiest
- 44 areas of the Spit where heavy sightseeing foot traffic mixes tourists, boat
- 45 owners, and a variety of carts and vehicles for staging and shuttling;
- 46 • Improving social/educational engagement by providing an informal venue for
- 47 public events, including musical and arts performances, public lectures and
- 48 educational programs for all ages;
- 49 • Allowing visitors to get out of the weather, take respite and extend their time
- 50 supporting local businesses; and

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52 WHEREAS, The Boat House Project has garnered donation pledges from 100% of City
53 Council Members during their private donation campaign, thereby satisfying an additional
54 Rasmuson Foundation eligibility requirement; and

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56 WHEREAS, The City of Homer understands the City will be ineligible to apply for a
57 Rasmuson Tier 1 grant for a parks and recreation project until this grant is closed out and fully
58 executed;

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60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, authorizes
61 the City Manager to apply for a Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1 Grant in the amount of \$25,000
62 to help construct the Boat House Pavilion and authorizes the City Manager to submit the
63 appropriate documents.

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65 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13th day of June, 2016.

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67 CITY OF HOMER
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71 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

72 ATTEST:
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75 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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77 Fiscal Note: N/A