CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 90-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING POLICY REGARDING DESIGNATED ITINERANT MERCHANT AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICE VENDOR PARKING ON PUBLIC LAND ON THE HOMER SPIT

WHEREAS, public property on the Spit is very scarce and too valuable to allow itinerant merchants and/or mobile food services to park without compensation; and,

WHEREAS, among the competing demands for public property on the Homer Spit are the following: streets, short and long-term parking, boat trailer parking, recreational vehicle parking, boat storage, commercial fishing gear storage, long-term commercial leasing of property (for fuel docks, fish processors, commercial retail, restaurants, etc.) log storage, cargo staging areas, general port activities, and harbor offices. All of these uses are of higher priority than making space available for itinerant merchants and mobile food vendors, especially in light of the availability of private land on the Spit which may be used for these purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the highest and best use of public land available for leases are for long-term commercial uses involving substantial capital investment. Long-term leases generate more rental income, increase the tax base and reduce administrative expense; and,

WHEREAS, traffic congestion and parking density on the Homer Spit are already at very high levels. Allowing itinerant merchants and mobile food services on public property would magnify these two problems and contribute significantly to traffic safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS, private property on the Homer Spit is available for itinerant merchants and/or mobile food services.

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 8.08.100 and 8.11.070(d) restrict itinerant merchants and mobile food services operating on public property on the Homer Spit to designated vendor parking areas; and,

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons there is no public property on the Homer Spit available for designation as vendor parking areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Homer City Council that there shall be no public property on the Homer Spit designated for vendor parking for itinerant merchants or mobile food services. Such activities shall not be allowed on public property on the Homer Spit.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Homer City Council this 29th day of May 1990.

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ATTEST:

Shannon, Deputy City Clerk