

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Economic Development
Advisory Commission

RESOLUTION 11-007(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) AND FORWARDING THE CEDS TO THE HOMER ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER IT SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS PART OF THE HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC) is charged with developing and updating the City's economic development plan (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) as part of its advisory role on economic development matters; and

WHEREAS, The City's economic development plan (formerly known as the Overall Economic Development Plan) was last updated in 1999; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recruited a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member to assist the EDC with the CEDS in a year-long effort; and

WHEREAS, During this time the VISTA reviewed economic literature as well as previous local plans and surveys and shared this information with the EDC, conducted more than 20 interviews with local citizens from diverse backgrounds, organized two public forums on behalf of the City of Homer EDC, solicited additional public input by email, publicized the project through news releases and interviews, and provided the EDC with a scoping report; and

WHEREAS, The public has also had the opportunity to provide input for the CEDS at EDC meetings and work sessions over the course of two years; and

WHEREAS, Care was taken to ensure that the CEDS is consistent with the Homer Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Commission approved the draft CEDS and voted unanimously to forward it to the City Council, as expressed in Memorandum 11-005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council approves and adopts the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as the City's economic development plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Homer Advisory Planning Commission consider and make a recommendation on whether the CEDS should be adopted as part of the Homer Comprehensive Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of January, 2011.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A