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## Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: May 19, 2021  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for May 24, 2021 Council Meeting

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### **FY22/23 Budget**

The operating budget ordinance is being introduced at this Council meeting, draft capital budget information is being released as well. Both budgets remain on track for approval before the end of the 2021 fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **New EMS Inbound Patient Loading Zone at Ramp 7**

There is a new dedicated inbound patient loading zone in the Homer Harbor on JJ Float (pictured below). This location is closer to the harbor entrance and will facilitate a faster patient transfer from vessel to responding emergency services personnel. See the attached flyer<sup>1</sup> for more information.



### **2021-26 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Draft Available for Comment**

The Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD), in conjunction with the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development, has been working on the 2021-26 draft of the Kenai Peninsula Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The draft can be viewed at <https://kpedd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/KPEDD-CEDS-Plan-2021-2026-Full-Report.pdf>, and comments directed to KPEDD Program Manager Caitlin Coreson at [caitlin@kpedd.org](mailto:caitlin@kpedd.org).

## Update: Poopdeck Trail ADA Ramp

The Poopdeck trail's ADA ramp has been successfully installed. Here's a note from Parks Superintendent Matt Steffy regarding the project:

*KHLT staff, COH staff, ILC staff, and an army of volunteers completed Phase III of the new trail project. This consisted of spreading and compacting more gravel, adjusting drainage, and installing the new ADA ramp on the City's end of the trail next to the ILC. The manufacturer of the ramp was on site to oversee installation. We anticipate a lot of positive feedback on an amenity that has been much anticipated.*



## Safe and Healthy Kids Fair

The Safe and Healthy Kids Fair and Bike Rodeo took place May 15<sup>th</sup> at Homer High School's parking lot. Here is an update from Community Recreation Manager Mike Illg:

*We were happy to report that the Annual Safe and Healthy Kids Fair and Bike Rodeo was recently at the Homer High parking lot on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This outdoor event had a detailed mitigation plan and required masking and screening for all participants that allowed us to have the event on school grounds. We had at least 20 different community organizations involved and the number of estimated participants was approximately 200 people. Some of the primary organizers included City Staff from the Fire Department and Community Recreation. There were many smiles, lots of fun and we even gave away 5 brand new bicycles! We are looking forward to possibly continue to offer an outdoor event in the future as there were so many positive responses from the public.*



## **Community Assistance Program Funding for 2022**

The Finance Department will be filing paperwork shortly to request Homer's portion of the State of Alaska's Community Assistance Program (CAP) funds. We will be including an intent to put CAP funds towards ADA improvements around the City. That said, upon receipt, the Council may direct the funds in any direction they wish as long as they meet the criteria of the program. The disbursement in 2021 was directed to assist in the acquisition of SCBA equipment for the Volunteer Fire Department (Ord 21-25).

## **Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference**

The Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference is being held in Fairbanks from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Interested Councilmembers are encouraged to read the attached memo<sup>2</sup> from City Clerk Jacobsen for more details.

## **Employee Updates**

Taylor Crowder joined the Homer Police Department on May 14<sup>th</sup> as a Police Officer II. He came to us as a lateral from North Carolina and has ten years of experience as a police officer. Accompanying Officer Crowder in the move to Homer are his wife and four children.



# **COVID-Related Updates**

## **COVID Risk Status**

On March 30<sup>th</sup> I moved the City from the “Orange” to “Yellow” level on our COVID risk framework. The City remains in yellow status after the most recent review completed on April 19<sup>th</sup>. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, I directed a limited opening of City Hall and the Library. On May 13<sup>th</sup> the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidance which allows for fully vaccinated individuals to stop masking both outdoors and indoors. Working with staff, we created new guidelines for City staff based on the CDC guidance. Masks are still required for the public in City facilities. Staff is still required to be masked when interfacing with the public. Staff will, however, be able to relax masking standards in their work spaces.

### Enclosures:

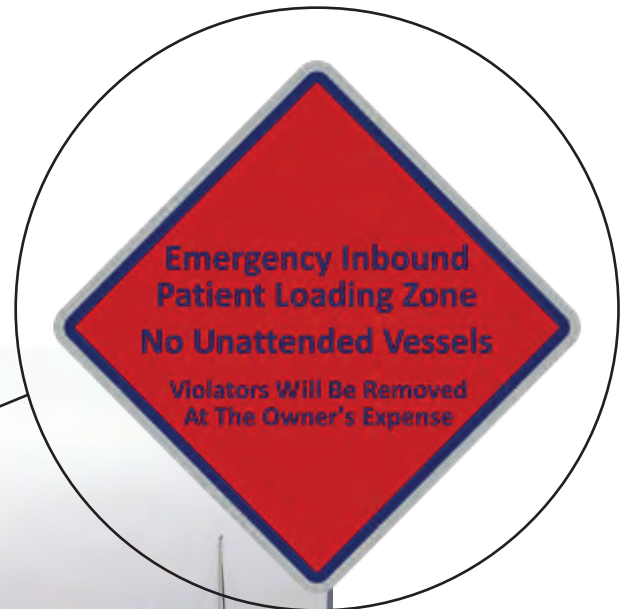
1. Flyer – New EMS Inbound Patient Loading Zone
2. Memo – AML Summer Conference

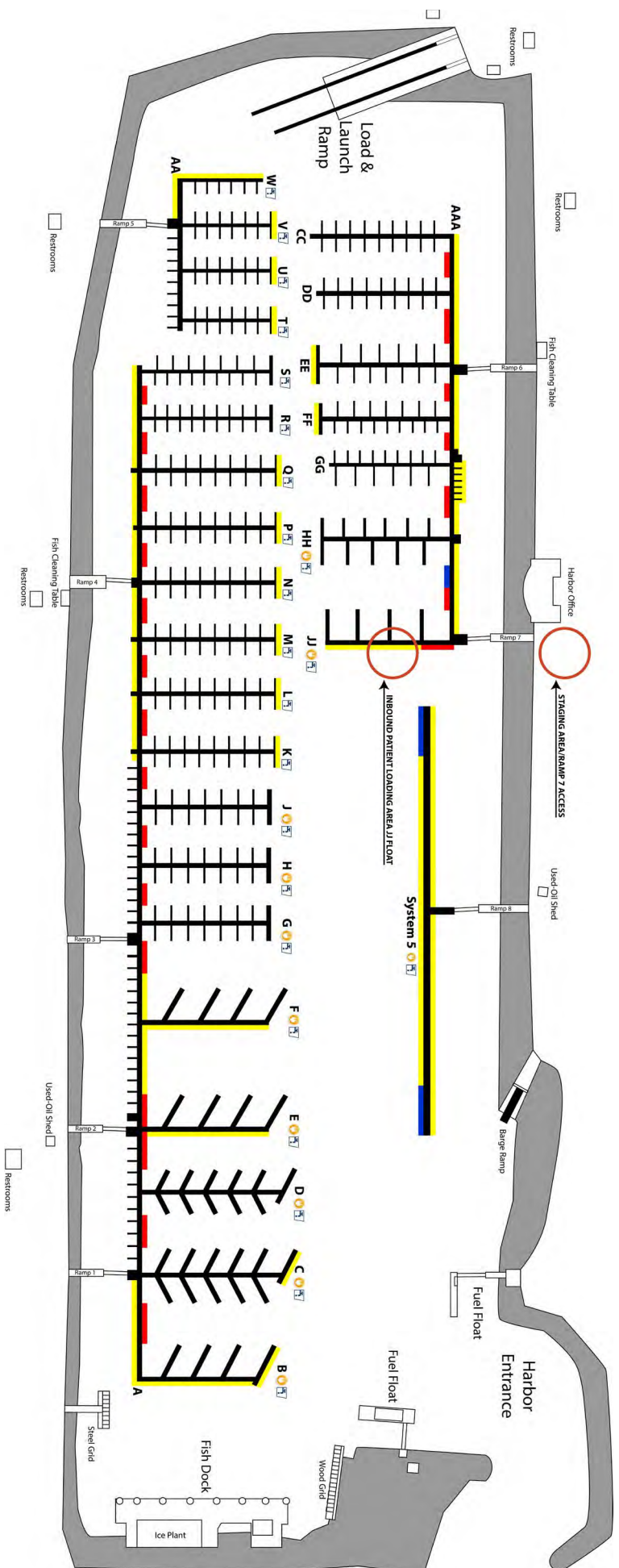
# New EMS Inbound Patient Loading Zone

Location -Ramp 7/Harbormaster's Office/JJ Float

There is a NEW dedicated inbound patient loading zone in Homer Harbor on JJ float. This location is closer to the harbor entrance and will facilitate a faster patient transfer from vessel to responding emergency services personnel. Vessel owners and EMS personnel will be directed to this location by Police dispatchers and harbor staff, for a coordinated response. Vessel owners are reminded that they must maintain NO WAKE speeds while transiting that harbor basin as per city code.

- **If responding in a vehicle the staging area will be the harbormaster's office parking lot with access to Ramp 7.**
- **For vessels transporting a patient, access to EMS will be JJ Float (shown) marked in RED and BLUE.**
- **Questions? Call the harbor office at 235-3160  
or  
VHF Channel 16**







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## Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: MAY 17, 2021

SUBJECT: ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SUMMER CONFERENCE HELD AUGUST 3-6, 2021 IN  
FAIRBANKS, AK

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The Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference will be held in person in Fairbanks this year. The conference dates are August 3-6. The conference agenda isn't available at this time but the current list of meetings is as follows:

August 3-4 – Alaska Defense Forum - *Alaska Defense Communities will produce the second Alaska Defense Forum. The agenda for the morning of August 4th will be specific to local government leaders.*

August 4-5 – Alaska Conference of Mayors

August 5-6 – AML Summer Legislative Conference

Please contact me by end of day June 8<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend the AML Summer Legislative Conference in person so a travel authorization can be prepared for Council approval and timely arrangements can be made.