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## Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR LORD AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK  
DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026  
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET ITEMS

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### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-71(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 11.04.050, Master Roads and Street Plans-Adopted, 11.04.058, Design Criteria Manual-Adopted, and 11.04.060 Geometric Design Requirements. Davis/Parsons. Introduction November 24, 2026 Public Hearing and Second Reading January 12, 2026.

Memorandum CC-26-037 from Councilmembers Parsons and Erickson as backup.

- g. Ordinance 26-06, an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 2.84 Release of Public Record Sections 2.84.010 Policy, 2.84.020 Definitions, 2.84.050 Regulations, and 2.84.070 Appeals. City Manager. Introduction January 12, 2026, Public Hearing and Second Reading January 26, 2026.

Public Comment Received.

### RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 26-012, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Stating the City's 2026 Legislative Priorities and Positions. Aderhold.

Memorandum CC-26-038 from Special Projects Coordinator as backup.

Public Comment Received.



# MEMORANDUM

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CC-26-037

**Ordinance 25-71(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 11.04.050, Master Roads and Street Plans-Adopted, and 11.04.060 Geometric Design Requirements. Davis/Parsons.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
**Date:** January 26, 2026  
**From:** Councilmembers Parsons and Erickson

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## **SUMMARY:**

After the discussion Ordinance 25-71(S)(A) at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the ordinance was postponed to January 26<sup>th</sup> to allow an opportunity to have follow-up conversations with staff and contractors who commented at the public hearing. On Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we convened a meeting that included Councilmembers Parsons and Erickson, City Manager Jacobsen, Public Works staff, and Buck Jones from East End Services.

## **DISCUSSION:**

First of all, we want to thank everyone for their thoughtful consideration of this ordinance. Our discussions have been meaningful as we work through some complicated issues. Many new considerations became apparent through our discussion and require immediate attention.

Specifically, the "*City of Homer Standard Construction Specifications, 2011 Edition*" needs to be addressed. This is a document with specifications that guide current road construction. The specifications outlined in this guiding document conflict with current code and the Design Criteria Manual. This must be addressed before lane width considerations and street design protocols are considered. After careful consideration and a consensus on the next steps to an achievable goal with the issues ordinance 25-71 is addressing, we would ask that the council vote down this ordinance as it is.

Moving forward we propose a 4 step process:

1. Public Works will put in place supplemental pages to the Standard Construction Specifications manual of 2011. This will be done as soon as possible to guide builders as the seasonal construction season approaches. Any new construction will fall under the updated supplemental road construction criteria and address many current concerns. Safety for all roadway users will be incorporated.

2. For roads and streets that currently have traffic calming issues, this will come forth in a separate ordinance. Recent efforts include language that includes neighborhood conversations with property owners with a range of traffic calming options. Additionally, developing a plan for funding the cost of speed bumps, striping, or other treatments in critical areas will be considered.
3. A formal update to lane striping guidelines and the lane striping map.
4. An update to the 1986 Master Roads and Streets Plan to reflect community desires and safety concerns to guide future development.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Vote no on the adoption of Ordinance 25-71(S)(A)

**From:** [Frank Griswold](#)  
**To:** [Amy Woodruff](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance 26-06  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2026 11:26:06 AM

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Dear City Council and Mayor,

Lines 43-45 addressing Policy proposes to delete the following text: "This chapter should be construed to require disclosure of public records of the City as required by **AS 40.25**, subject to the exceptions, exemptions, and privileges provided in this chapter, in **AS 40.25**, or as otherwise provided by law." This deleted section is replaced by lines 49-52 which states as follows: "This chapter should be construed to require disclosure of public records of the city as required by **Alaska Statutes**, subject to exceptions, exemptions, and privileges provided in this chapter, or otherwise by law." **AS 40.25.120** clearly identifies all of the exceptions allowed pertaining to the disclosure of public records by public agencies within the State of Alaska. The city has no authority to supplement these state-ordained exceptions. Furthermore, nobody should be required to look for non-existent exceptions, exemptions, and/or privileges provided in HCC 2.84 or otherwise "by law." HCC 2.84.010 (Policy) should be amended to unambiguously read as follows: **"It is the policy of the city to provide prompt and reasonable access to nonconfidential public records so that the people may be well informed about city business. This chapter should be construed as to require disclosure of public records of the city as required by AS 40.25, subject to the exceptions provided in AS 40.25.120."** Period dot.

Frank Griswold



# MEMORANDUM

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## Resolution 26-012, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Stating the City's 2026 Legislative Priorities and Positions.

**Item Type:** Informational Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor and City Council  
**Date:** January 26, 2026  
**From:** Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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This memo outlines potential amendments to Resolution 26-012 City Council may wish to consider.

Since the drafting of Resolution 26-012 and corresponding backup memo, new bills have been sent to the Alaska State Legislature from the Governor and a couple of the bills are set for hearings and review by AML's Legislative Committee this week.

Amendments to consider adding in an amended Resolution 26-012:

**HB133:** Establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts and grant reimbursements under the State Procurement Code to accelerate payment of contracts and grants to local governments, nonprofits and others ensuring timely payment from the State of Alaska to parties providing essential support under state agreements. Supporting this efficient, timely and equitable state payment system is recommended.

**HB258:** Creation of a statewide spay and neuter program to reduce stray populations, shelter intakes and euthanasia rates by expanding access to affordable pet sterilization services for low-income households, potentially funded through specialty license plate sales and Pick.Click.Give contributions. AML members adopted a [Resolution of support you can read here](#). This bill will be discussed by House Resources on Friday, January 30 at 1 pm. Recommend supporting this as accessible spay/neuter services directly reduces shelter burdens and saves animal lives.

Two bills on which Resolution 26-012 does not recommend a position are scheduled for committee hearings this week. Council may choose to postpone adoption until the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting to incorporate further information from the upcoming bill hearings for more nuanced city input. If Council chooses to postpone, please direct the City Manager regarding your priorities and whether Council members intend to bring forward any related amendments for consideration after participating in the bill hearings.

**HB78** Defined Benefit will be discussed in Senate Labor and Commerce on Monday at 1:30 pm and will be up for public testimony before the Senate Labor and Commerce on Wednesday. AML will be contributing several potential amendments aimed at improving employer experience. Resolution 26-012 currently takes a general supportive position on legislation to bring back a public employee retirement defined benefits program without taking a more nuanced position on HB78. The Bill is over 50 pages long and has not had full staff review.

AML's legislative committee is meeting on Friday, January 30 to discuss two bills: SB 218 ([electric co-op shared tax](#)) recently released by the Governor's office and [HB 259 sponsored by Rep. Mears](#)—“large energy use facilities”.

HB259 relates to large energy use facilities (like data centers and cryptocurrency mining operations), electric and gas utilities, community benefit agreements with municipalities, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's duties. It aims to support the development of new projects that will use large amounts of energy so that they benefit utilities and their customers by:

- Establishing definitions, standards, or regulations for facilities that consume significant amounts of electricity
- Including provisions affecting how utilities interact with and serve large energy consumers
- Proposing requirements for agreements between large energy facilities and municipalities to ensure local communities' benefit
- Proposing expanded or modified duties for the RCA in overseeing these facilities

Staff have not taken a deep dive into the bill. Potential council considerations if you choose to amend Resolution 26-012 to take a position include whether the specific safeguard provisions merit support. Do they put effective measures in place to ensure cities receive fair compensation while protecting residents' access to affordable, reliable energy. Ensuring compliance with community benefit agreements will require resources and oversight.

Recommendation: Whether Council decides to make amendments to Resolution 26-012 for adoption tonight, or postpone adoption, an initial discussion by Council tonight will be helpful given the short turnaround time before going to Juneau.

**From:** [Nick LaJiness](#)  
**To:** [Amy Woodruff](#)  
**Subject:** House Bill No.258 - Statewide Spay & Neuter Program - Update  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2026 5:40:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [HB-258 Pre-filed Bill Spay & Neuter.webloc](#)

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Hello Amy,

Here's an update to the progress of our Statewide Spay & Neuter Program:

What started as an idea to help an issue that effects most every community throughout our state, I decided to put forth a Resolution. It explained that animal overpopulation due to stray and unwanted animals is negatively impactful to communities both financially and as a health hazard.

This Resolution was included into our FNSB (Fairbank North Star Borough) Legislative Priorities list for our state lawmakers to focus on.

Then with additional support from other Mayor/Assembly/Council members throughout the state, the Resolution went on to be included and approved by the AML (Alaska Municipal League)

The Resolution was then put into a bullet point outline format that was sent up to the state Legislative Legal Team to be formatted into a Working/Draft Bill.

Then, in a resnet huge hurdle the draft bill was pre-filled and assigned a bill number that is now HB-258 (in attachment), House Bill No. 258 and we have House of Representative Will Stapp that is proud to sponsor carrying our bill on the House side.

We are actively in pursuit of securing a member of the Senate to sponsor it on the Senate side.

Once this starts flowing through committees, I would like to be able to provide you with a link in hopes that you may consider providing public testimony by email or zoom as public comments are extremely valuable at point in the process.

Is this something you would be interested in contributing to when the time comes?

Please continue to share this information for those who you know that would be interested. The more House Rep's and Senate members that can hear our voices the better, so please spread the word.

Very respectfully with much appreciation,

Nick LaJiness  
Assembly Seat E