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## Memorandum

### Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ACTING CITY CLERK  
DATE: MAY 13, 2024  
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL

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#### WORKSESSION AGENDA

a. Water & Sewer Rate Model

Presentation – Water & Sewer Rates Discussion  
FY25 Utility Rate Model Worksession Packet  
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b. Ordinance 24-21, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Re-Appropriating FY22 State of Alaska Community Assistance Program in the Amount of \$98,714.98 from Various ADA Projects to the Airport Sidewalk Repair Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-24-105 from City Engineer as backup (corrected)

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k. Resolution 24-056, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to Pass an Ordinance and Directing the Finance Department to Coordinate with Airbnb to Collect Sales Taxes on Short Term Rentals. Davis/Aderhold.

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 24-057, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer Port and Harbor Terminal Tariff No. 1 to Extend the Harbor Moorage Exemption for Work Skiffs through 2024. Lord/Port & Harbor Advisory Commission.

Memorandum CC-24-104 from Council member Lord as backup.

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Water and Sewer Rates Discussion  
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## Talking Points

- Defining Fee Types
- User Fee / Multi-Unit Fee Comparison
- Key Take-Aways – User Fee and Multi-Unit Fee
- Questions Pertaining to Flow Meter Discrepancies
- Homer's Rate Comparison to Other Communities
- National Trend for Utility Bills
- Fund Balance Reports: Utility Fund (Operations, CARMA)
- Water and Sewer Rates: Preliminary Analysis (4 Scenarios)
- FY25 Rate Setting Guidance



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# Defining Fee Types

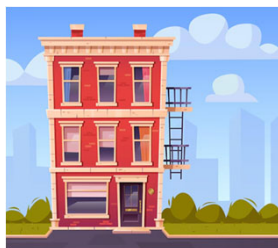
- Connection Fee – Typically reserved for establishing service or re-establishing service to a user
- User Fee/Service Fee/Utility Fee – Typically used for a monthly charge for service. These fees are intended to cover the cost of infrastructure (pipes, lift stations, pressure reducing stations, treatment plants, etc).
- Consumption Fee – Typically used for billing costs associated with the production of drinking water, or treatment of wastewater.
- Multiple Unit Fee – Typically used to level the field between Single Family Dwelling User Fee versus Multiple Occupancy Units.

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## User Fee / Multi-Unit Fee Comparison



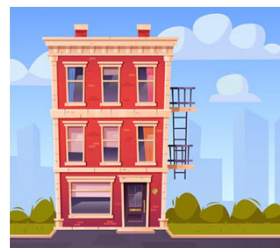
### 2-Unit Duplex style Apartment

- User Fee = \$20 (2 units) = \$10 per unit/month
- User Fee / Multi Unit Fee combined fee of \$5 for water and Sewer =  $(\$20/2) + (2 \text{ units} \times \$5) = \$15$  per unit/month
- User Fee / Multi Unit Fee separate \$5 Fee for Water and Sewer =  $(\$20/2) + (2 \times (\$5+\$5)) = \$20$  per unit/month



### Single Family Home

- Monthly User Fee = \$20/month



### 10-Unit Apartment

- User Fee = \$20 (10 units) = \$2 per unit/month
- User Fee / Multi Unit Fee combined fee of \$5 for water and Sewer =  $(\$20/10) + (10 \text{ units} \times \$5) = \$7$  per unit/month
- User Fee / Multi Unit Fee separate \$5 Fee for Water and Sewer =  $(\$20/10) + (10 \times (\$5+\$5)) = \$12$  per unit/month

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## Key Take-Aways for User Fee and Multi-Unit Fee

- User Fee's are intended to provide the City the money to build new infrastructure and maintain existing infrastructure.
- A factor supporting a User Fee, is a customer receives benefit of fire protection whether they use any water or not.
- A User Fee in Combination with a Multi-Unit Fee can level the fixed cost burden of the infrastructure more evenly between individual users.

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## Questions Pertaining to Flow Meter Discrepancies

- Industry standard is to use the Individual Household Water Meters to determine both Water consumption and Wastewater discharge by property
- All flow meters have a minor percentage of error or variance.
  - Typically around 1-5%
- We have 2,200 customer water meters in system. The variance of all 2,200 water meters is additive and therefore cannot directly relate to the Single Water Meter at the Water Treatment Plant, nor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, not including external sources of variance, such as:
  - Fire Department Exercises,
  - Flushing Watermains,
  - Water leaks,
  - Sewer Inflow and Infiltration (I/I), etc.

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## City of Homer Rate Comparison

### Average Rates:

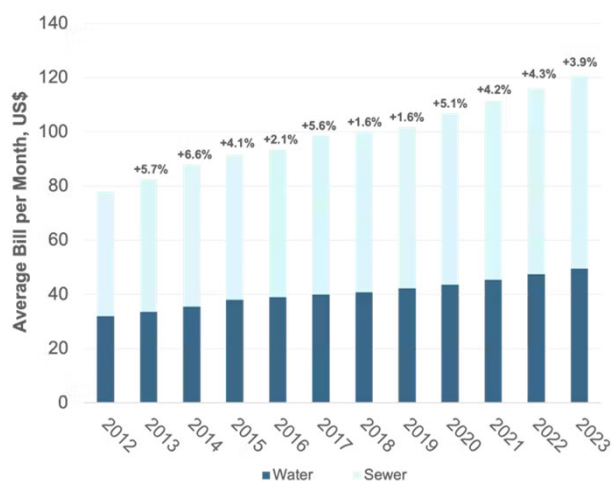
- Alaska – Water: \$89.00; Sewer: \$73.00 = Total \$162.00/month
  - Anchorage – Water: \$48.19; Sewer: \$53.91 = Total \$102.10/month
  - Fairbanks – Water: \$63.73; Sewer: \$88.38 = Total \$152.11/month
  - Homer – Water: \$59.89; Sewer: \$72.80 = Total \$132.69/month**
  - National – Water: \$49.53; Sewer: \$71.16 = Total \$120.69/month
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- National Minimum/Maximum for Water & Sewer Bills
    - Water: San Antonio, TX - \$19.51/month; San Francisco, CA - \$114.25/month
    - Sewer: Long Beach, CA - \$11.24/month; Seattle, WA - \$170.40/month

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## National Trend for Utility Bills



Conducted by Bluefield for 50 US Cities

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# Any Questions?

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## Fund Balance Report, Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024

Fund Name	Fund #	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 YTD	Obligated	Available
Utility Operations	200	1,129,109	652,486	1,106,412	775,999	330,413
Utility CARMA	256	3,533,412	4,146,188	3,035,327	1,675,800	1,359,527

### Utility Operations

- Obligated includes: Emergency (\$208,716), Inventory (\$555,418), and Budget Appropriations (\$11,865)

### Utility Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund

- Water CARMA
  - FY24 YTD Balance: \$1,929,973
  - Obligated Balance: \$1,084,373
  - Total Available: \$845,600**
- Sewer CARMA
  - FY24 YTD Balance: \$1,105,354
  - Obligated Balance: \$591,427
  - Total Available: \$513,927**

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**Water and Sewer Rates:  
Preliminary Analysis**

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## Keep in Mind

- The following rate models are preliminary and are subject to change once a mid-biennium budget amendment is brought forward
  - The rate model and accompanying ordinance will “ride” with the budget ordinance and will be adjusted accordingly

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## Scenario 1 – No Monthly Service Fee

- No structural changes to the model compared to FY24
- CARMA transfer is funded in the commodity rate

<b>Rate Analysis:</b>			
<b>Current Rates</b>		These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget	
<b>Water Rates:</b>		<b>Sewer Rates:</b>	
Commodity (per gal):	\$0.0161	Non-Lift Station:	\$0.0167
Bulk (per gal):	\$0.0201	Lift Station:	\$0.0275
Monthly Fees:	\$0		
<b>Proposed Rates – Scenario 1 (No Monthly Service Fee)</b>			
<b>Water Rates:</b>		<b>Sewer Rates:</b>	
Commodity (per gal):	\$0.0167	Non-Lift Station:	\$0.0160
Bulk (per gal):	\$0.0207	Lift Station:	\$0.0257
Monthly Fees:	\$0		

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## Scenario 1 – No Monthly Service Fee

This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

WATER Rate Model		SEWER Rate Model	
Revenues		Revenues	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777	FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696	CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0	Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)	Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee		Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)	Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)	Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)	Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 2,148,753	Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,792,478
Water Consumption (Gallons)		Sewer Usage (Gallons)	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600	Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000	Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
		Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
Water Rates:		Sewer Rate	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0167	Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0160
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0207	Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0257
Monthly Service Fees	\$ -		
Consumption Additional Information:		Lift Station Additional Information:	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600	CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

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## Scenario 2 – No Monthly Service Fee / Multi-Unit Fee

- No structural changes to FY24 model, other than bringing forward monthly fee
- CARMA transfer is funded by monthly fee and is removed from commodity rate

Rate Analysis:	
<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget</b>
<b>Water Rates:</b>	<b>Sewer Rates:</b>
Commodity (per gal): \$0.0161	Non-Lift Station: \$0.0167
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0201	Lift Station: \$0.0275
Monthly Fees: \$0	
<b>Proposed Rates – Scenario 2 (No Monthly Service Fee / Multi-Unit Fee)</b>	
<b>Water Rates:</b>	<b>Sewer Rates:</b>
Commodity (per gal): \$0.0170	Non-Lift Station: \$0.0163
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0210	Lift Station: \$0.0260
Monthly Fees: \$0	

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## Scenario 2 - No Monthly Service Fee / Multi-Unit Fee

This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

WATER Rate Model		SEWER Rate Model	
Revenues		Revenues	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777	FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696	CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0	Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)	Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee		Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)	Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)		Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)	Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 2,187,153	Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,830,878
Water Consumption (Gallons)		Sewer Usage (Gallons)	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600	Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000	Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
		Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
Water Rates:		Sewer Rate	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0170	Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0163
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0210	Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0260
Monthly Service Fees	\$ -		
Consumption Additional Information:		Lift Station Additional Information:	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600	CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

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## Scenario 3 - Monthly Service Fee

- No structural changes to FY24 model, other than bringing forward monthly fee
- CARMA transfer is funded by monthly fee and is removed from commodity rate

### Rate Analysis:

#### Current Rates

These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

#### Water Rates:

Commodity (per gal): \$0.0161  
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0201  
Monthly Fees: \$0

#### Sewer Rates:

Non-Lift Station: \$0.0167  
Lift Station: \$0.0275

#### Proposed Rates - Scenario 3 (Monthly Service Fee)

#### Water Rates:

Commodity (per gal): \$0.0142  
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0182  
Monthly Fees: \$13

#### Sewer Rates:

Non-Lift Station: \$0.0136  
Lift Station: \$0.0233  
Monthly Fees: \$11

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## Scenario 3 – Monthly Service Fee

This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

WATER Rate Model		SEWER Rate Model	
Revenues		Revenues	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777	FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696	CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0	Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)	Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(316,696)	Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(271,816)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)	Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)	Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)	Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
		Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,832,057	Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,520,662
Water Consumption (Gallons)		Sewer Usage (Gallons)	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600	Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000	Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
		Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
Water Rates:		Sewer Rate	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0142	Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0136
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0182	Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0233
Monthly Fees	\$ 13	Monthly Fees	\$ 11
Consumption Additional Information:		Lift Station Additional Information:	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600	CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

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## Scenario 4 – Monthly Service Fee / No Multi-Unit Fee

- No structural changes to FY24 model, other than bringing forward monthly fee
- CARMA transfer is funded by monthly fee and is removed from commodity rate

### Rate Analysis:

#### Current Rates

These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

#### Water Rates:

Commodity (per gal): \$0.0161  
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0201  
Monthly Fees: \$0

#### Sewer Rates:

Non-Lift Station: \$0.0167  
Lift Station: \$0.0275

#### Proposed Rates – Scenario 4 (Monthly Service Fee and No Multi-Unit Fee)

#### Water Rates:

Commodity (per gal): \$0.0145  
Bulk (per gal): \$0.0185  
Monthly Fees: \$13

#### Sewer Rates:

Non-Lift Station: \$0.0139  
Lift Station: \$0.0236  
Monthly Fees: \$11

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## Scenario 4 - Monthly Service Fee / No Multi-Unit Fee

This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

WATER Rate Model		SEWER Rate Model	
Revenues		Revenues	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777	FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696	CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0	Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)	Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(316,696)	Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(271,816)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)	Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)		Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)	Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
		Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,870,457	Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,559,062
Water Consumption (Gallons)		Sewer Usage (Gallons)	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600	Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000	Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
		Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
Water Rates:		Sewer Rate	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0145	Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0139
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0185	Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0236
Monthly Fees	\$ 13	Monthly Fees	\$ 11
Consumption Additional Information:		Lift Station Additional Information:	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600	CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

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## Rate Comparisons

These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

	Average Volume City Hall					High Volume Library					Lift-Station (Year-Round) Port & Harbor - Maintenance				
	Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Consumption	3800	3800	3800	3800	3800	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Water Rate	0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145	0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145	0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145
Sewer Rate	0.0167	0.0160	0.0163	0.0136	0.0139	0.0167	0.0160	0.0163	0.0136	0.0139	0.0275	0.0257	0.0260	0.0233	0.0236
<b>Charges:</b>															
Water	61.18	63.46	64.60	53.96	55.10	106.26	110.22	112.20	93.72	95.70	28.98	30.06	30.60	25.56	26.10
Sewer	63.46	60.80	61.94	51.68	52.82	110.22	105.60	107.58	89.76	91.74	49.50	46.26	46.80	41.94	42.48
Service	0	0	0	24	24	0	0	0	24	24	0	0	0	24	24
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$124.64</b>	<b>\$ 124.26</b>	<b>\$ 126.54</b>	<b>\$ 129.64</b>	<b>\$ 131.92</b>	<b>\$216.48</b>	<b>\$ 215.82</b>	<b>\$ 219.78</b>	<b>\$ 207.48</b>	<b>\$ 211.44</b>	<b>\$78.48</b>	<b>\$ 76.32</b>	<b>\$ 77.40</b>	<b>\$ 91.50</b>	<b>\$ 92.58</b>
<b>Impact</b>		\$ (0.38)	\$ 1.90	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.28		\$ (0.66)	\$ 3.30	\$ (9.00)	\$ (5.04)		\$ (2.16)	\$ (1.08)	\$ 13.02	\$ 14.10

Scenario 1: Water model corrected to include multi-unit fee, otherwise no structural changes to model compared to FY24. CARMA transfer is funded in the commodity rate.

Scenario 2: Same setup as Scenario 1, but multi-unit fee is removed from model.

Scenario 3: Water model corrected to include multi-unit fee and monthly service fee is introduced, otherwise no structural changes to model compared to FY24. CARMA transfer is funded by service fee and removed from commodity rate.

Scenario 4: Same setup as Scenario 3, but multi-unit fee is removed from model.

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## FY25 Rate Setting Guidance

- Staff Recommendation - Scenario 3 (Monthly Service Fee and Multi-Unit Fee)
- Water and Sewer Rate Model and accompanying rate setting ordinance will follow the structure of Scenario 2
  - Remember: Rates will likely changes accordingly with proposed mid-biennium budget amendments
- Council discussion on this path forward?

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## Any Questions?

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# Rate Calculations - Scenario 1

## No Monthly Service Fee

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<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 2,148,753
<b>Water Consumption (Gallons)</b>	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000
<b>Water Rates:</b>	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0167
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0207
Monthly Service Fees	-
<b>Consumption Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600
<b>SEWER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,792,478
<b>Sewer Usage (Gallons)</b>	
Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
<b>Sewer Rate</b>	
Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0160
Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0257
<b>Lift Station Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

## Rate Calculations - Scenario 2

### No Monthly Service Fee or Multi-Unit Fee

<b>WATER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 2,187,153
<b>Water Consumption (Gallons)</b>	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000
<b>Water Rates:</b>	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0170
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0210
Monthly Service Fees	-
<b>Consumption Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600
<b>SEWER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,830,878
<b>Sewer Usage (Gallons)</b>	
Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
<b>Sewer Rate</b>	
Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0163
Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0260
<b>Lift Station Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift-Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

# Rate Calculations - Scenario 3

## Monthly Service Fee

<b>WATER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(316,696)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,832,057
<b>Water Consumption (Gallons)</b>	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000
<b>Water Rates:</b>	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0142
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0182
Monthly Fees	\$ 13
<b>Consumption Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600
<b>SEWER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(271,816)
Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	(38,400)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,520,662
<b>Sewer Usage (Gallons)</b>	
Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
<b>Sewer Rate</b>	
Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0136
Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0233
Monthly Fees	\$ 11
<b>Lift Station Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

# Rate Calculations - Scenario 4

## Monthly Service Fee and No Multi-Unit Fee

<b>WATER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Water	\$ 2,115,777
CARMA Transfer Requirement	316,696
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(55,904)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(316,696)
Hydrant Rents (10% of Total)	(105,565)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Surplus Water Sales (Bulk) surcharge only	(83,851)
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,870,457
<b>Water Consumption (Gallons)</b>	
Gross Meters Water Sales	129,126,600
Total Estimated Water Sales	129,000,000
<b>Water Rates:</b>	
Commodity Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0145
Bulk Rate (per gal)	\$ 0.0185
Monthly Fees	\$ 13
<b>Consumption Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Gross Meters Water Sales (Gallons)	129,126,600
<b>SEWER Rate Model</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
FY25 Operating Revenue Required - Sewer	\$ 1,816,580
CARMA Transfer Requirement	271,816
Deduct Operating Fund Balance - Rate Buydown	0
Deduct Portion Collected through Other Revenues	(18,509)
Deduct Portion Collected through Service Fee	(271,816)
Lift Stations Costs	(222,860)
Pumping Fee	(10,125)
Dumping Station Fees	(6,024)
Multi-Units (\$5/unit/mo.)	
Revenue Required for Commodity Rate Calculation	\$ 1,559,062
<b>Sewer Usage (Gallons)</b>	
Projected Billable Volume	89,000,000
Projected Billable Volume - Lift Zone Only	23,000,000
Total Projected Billable Volume	112,000,000
<b>Sewer Rate</b>	
Non-Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0139
Lift Station Rate	\$ 0.0236
Monthly Fees	\$ 11
<b>Lift Station Additional Information:</b>	
CY23 Actually Billed Gallons (Lift Station Zone Only)	22,687,300

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This rate model is preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget

**City of Homer**  
**Water and Sewer Rates Comparison**  
**Presented May 13, 2024**

Average Volume						High Volume						Lift-Station (Year-Round)					
City Hall						Library						Port & Harbor - Maintenance					
	Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4		Existing	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	
Consumption	3800	3800	3800	3800	3800	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600		1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	
Water Rate	0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145	0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145		0.0161	0.0167	0.0170	0.0142	0.0145	
Sewer Rate	0.0167	0.0160	0.0163	0.0136	0.0139	0.0167	0.0160	0.0163	0.0136	0.0139		0.0275	0.0257	0.0260	0.0233	0.0236	
<b>Charges:</b>																	
Water	61.18	63.46	64.60	53.96	55.10	106.26	110.22	112.20	93.72	95.70		28.98	30.06	30.60	25.56	26.10	
Sewer	63.46	60.80	61.94	51.68	52.82	110.22	105.60	107.58	89.76	91.74		49.50	46.26	46.80	41.94	42.48	
Service	0	0	0	24	24	0	0	0	24	24		0	0	0	24	24	
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$124.64</b>	<b>\$ 124.26</b>	<b>\$ 126.54</b>	<b>\$ 129.64</b>	<b>\$ 131.92</b>	<b>\$216.48</b>	<b>\$ 215.82</b>	<b>\$ 219.78</b>	<b>\$ 207.48</b>	<b>\$ 211.44</b>		<b>\$78.48</b>	<b>\$ 76.32</b>	<b>\$ 77.40</b>	<b>\$ 91.50</b>	<b>\$ 92.58</b>	
<b>Impact</b>		<b>\$ (0.38)</b>	<b>\$ 1.90</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 7.28</b>		<b>\$ (0.66)</b>	<b>\$ 3.30</b>	<b>\$ (9.00)</b>	<b>\$ (5.04)</b>		<b>\$ (2.16)</b>	<b>\$ (1.08)</b>	<b>\$ 13.02</b>	<b>\$ 14.10</b>		

Scenario 1: Water model corrected to include multi-unit fee, otherwise no structural changes to model compared to FY24. CARMA transfer is funded in the commodity rate.

Scenario 2: Same setup as Scenario 1, but multi-unit fee is removed from model.

Scenario 3: Water model corrected to include multi-unit fee and monthly service fee is introduced, otherwise no structural changes to model compared to FY24. CARMA transfer is funded by service fee and removed from commodity rate.

Scenario 4: Same setup as Scenario 3, but multi-unit fee is removed from model.

**These rates are preliminary and will update accordingly with the amended budget**

**From:** [Melissa Jacobsen](#)  
**To:** [Renee Krause](#)  
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**From:** Bob Day <bobday58@gmail.com>  
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my comments.

I have much more to say but I am travelling and cannot attend the meeting.

Robert Day  
Homer Alaska



I'd like to talk to you about rate structures for the upcoming water and sewer rate review First off my name is Robert day I live at 5091 Williams place Homer AK it's my belief that you or your predecessors have done you a great disservice by structuring the rates the current rates for the water and sewer utility in such manner that they are not sufficient to fund the water utility and sewer utility in the future let me try and do a little bit education call it rate structure 101 but I have spent nearly 40 years in the electrical industry and one of the areas was rate structure

3 trivial examples one a donut shop everything sold in the donut shop is on a per unit basis but all the costs of operating the donut shop are included in the price of the doughnut and that includes but is not limited to rent utilities flour labor and all the things associated with having a donut shop but when you go in you buy one donut 5 Donuts 12 Donuts five dozen Donuts and you might pay a different price based on the quantity because there is a different incremental price to producing and selling one donut than there is to selling five dozen Donuts but at the end of the day there's a unit price on the commodity

the other trivial example there are yours as an electric utility which invests a lot of capital in the facilities that can bring electrical service to the residents or business and the amount of capital that's spent on that connection has to be paid for and a super simplified example we're ignoring capital replacement and the whole bunch of other things but basically the size of whatever demand you might place on the electrical utility is or depends or forces the utility to build certain larger wires or smaller wires depending on the usage that capital cost is trying to recover in a per monthly fee if someone didn't use any electricity at all there is still that capital cost then there is the incremental cost of producing the electricity itself and that is added as a per unit cost so you have two items in this game 1A fixed fee and a per unit cost and again works ignoring a whole bunch of ramifications like what is capital what is expense and you can get into the weeds with this with accountants big time

the third example is a fixed cost for the service for this example I would use something like Netflix or prime. Prime is not a very good example because it

includes other things like free shipping but for Netflix, the streaming service, you pay a fee and you can watch as much or as little as you like but there is really no incremental cost to this serving entity if you watch a lot of the TV or watch none at all. The cost remains the same.

To my way of thinking the water utility should mirror the electrical utility and there should be a monthly fee that is charged regardless, because at any time at any moment a consumer can turn on their water and demand some usage. They can call on all the pipes, all the pumps, all the filtration systems, all the reservoirs at any moment in time and whether they use any water or not those costs still exist. In addition when that customer does use water there are some incremental costs, the cost of treatment the cost of pumping and other associated expenses. Again, there is a great debate over what is capital expense and what expenses are, and accountants can talk for hours on this subject. But for an intellectual example if no one used any water at all there should be enough money coming in to pay for the mortgage on all the facilities that are in place to bring water to the customer. For any water that is

used the customer should pay for those incremental costs, the chlorine, the additional pumping, the labor; all those things that would not be required if no water were used at all.

It appears to me that the previous water and sewer rates have been designed around a donut shop model and it's on a per unit basis which in my particular case proves to be super useful and I'm actually speaking against my own best interest here because being that I've been called out of town for two months there is no usage in my house and I pay no fees. Those pipes, those pumps, those reservoirs all are still in place, and they all have cost to the city, and I am getting a free ride.

A well-designed rate would have a monthly cost equal to the capital costs that remain if no water is sold at all. Divided amongst all the users according to some class structure (Arguing that 5 dozen doughnuts should be cheaper to produce than one doughnut at a time). The incremental cost for a gallon of water should reflect those actual costs to produce that gallon of water and deliver it that would not exist if no water were used at all,

The overlying problem that you have as I said is that with the adjustment of rates a couple of times in my remembrance this has left people with the feeling that rates are not being well thought out and the new rates favor people like me who are occasional users. This will be a political minefield to correct. However, it is necessary as the current rates tend to ignore the capital expenditures and provide the risk of under collecting and bringing the utility to a deficient state financially.

It is my belief that the current rates are untenable for the future but personally I would really dislike seeing the rates go back to a monthly charge plus a usage charge but there is a good case for that monthly charge.

Thank you for listening.

Robert day



# CITY OF HOMER – CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

Brian Hardy - USI Insurance Services

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# City Council Committee Agenda

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- USI Introductions / Team
  - Brian Hardy – Lead Benefits Consultant
  - Dave Ross – PNW Employee Benefits Leader / President
  - Katharine Cuyle – Senior Account Manager & Morgan Elzey – Account Representative
  - Tom McCauley – Analyst
  - Manuel Mendoza – Benefits Counsel & Compliance Director
  
- Update Committee on Medical / Dental Renewals
  
- Review Marketing Efforts / Options
  
- Decision Timeline
  
- Open Enrollment Support

# City of Homer – Renewal Summary

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

Line of Coverage	Carrier	Renewal Results
Medical	Premera Blue Cross	Initial: +27.5% Negotiated: +14.0%
Dental	Premera Blue Cross	Initial: +6.0% Negotiated: Rate Pass
Voluntary Vision	VSP	In Rate Guarantee to 1/1/2025
Life/AD&D	Prudential	In Rate Guarantee to 1/1/2025
Voluntary Life/AD&D		In Rate Guarantee to 1/1/2025
FSA Administration	Premera Blue Cross	Renews on January 1, 2025

## Additional Commentary:

- Premera original renewal (medical & dental – 26.2%) represented a \$496,539 increase from current
  - Revised Premera offer (medical & dental – 13.2%) represents a \$250,099 increase from current
- USI Invited Aetna, Moda, & United Healthcare to provide medical & dental quotes
  - Aetna declined based on competitiveness / UHC was 14-15% over current (not illustrated)
  - Moda cost summary came in at 1.3% over current (medical & dental - including dental discount) – increase of \$25,734 from current
    - Moda included a 1 month premium holiday (\$149,724) which lowers overall rates to -6.5% from current & Moda included a 12% renewal rate cap in 2025
      - Savings of \$123,991 from current costs / \$374,090 compared to Premera renewal



# Claims Update / Renewal Considerations

## Premera Claims Experience Update:

- Premera justified 27% renewal based on paid claims being in excess of premiums – 120% loss ratio
  - Meaning if Premera collected \$1,000,000 in premium, claims were running at \$1,200,000
- Premera also told us that City of Homer currently has 7 large ongoing claims over \$100,000
- However, Premera dropped renewal to 14% based on competitive info

## Moda Renewal Considerations

- Cost summary includes 1 month premium holiday and 12% renewal rate cap for 2025 renewal
- Moda will credit all members for any deductible and out-of-pocket expenses incurred 01/01/2024 – 06/30/2024
- Benefit enhancements with the move – better out-of-network coverage, lower office visit copays for 1<sup>st</sup> 3 visits (\$5 copay), deductible waived for outpatient lab & x-ray
- Moda pharmacy plan is slightly different with a new specialty drug tier
  - There are richer benefits options (see next page) – about 1% increase in cost (\$21,500)
- Flexible Spending Account (FSA) through Premera currently. Plan will end 12/31/2024 so USI will find a new option for the 2025 plan year.

# Benefit (Rx) Considerations

- Quoted Moda Pharmacy plan is as follows:

Medication Type	Retail 30-day supply	Mail-Order 90-day supply	Specialty 30-day supply
Value	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	N/A
Select	\$15 copay	\$45 copay	N/A
Preferred	\$45 copay	\$135 copay	N/A
Non Preferred	\$75 copay	\$225 copay	N/A
Select Specialty	N/A	N/A	\$15 copay
Preferred Specialty	N/A	N/A	\$225 copay
Non Preferred Specialty	N/A	N/A	30% coinsurance

- Specialty Rx costs are higher than current (select, preferred, non-preferred)
- Moda Pharmacy buy-up plan is as follows:

Medication Type	Retail 30-day supply	Mail-Order 90-day supply	Specialty 30-day supply
Value	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	N/A
Select	\$10 copay	\$30 copay	N/A
Preferred	\$30 copay	\$90 copay	N/A
Non Preferred	\$50 copay	\$150 copay	N/A
Select Specialty	N/A	N/A	\$10 copay
Preferred Specialty	N/A	N/A	\$150 copay
Non Preferred Specialty	N/A	N/A	30% coinsurance

- Specialty Rx costs are higher than current on preferred & non-preferred. Select specialty and other tiers are lower than current Premera plan (\$20 / \$40 / \$60)
  - Richer Pharmacy plan would cost 1% - about \$21,500

# Open Enrollment Support

## USI Resources and Tools

- USI will be onsite in Homer for enrollment meetings with employees and also after hours for spouse enrollment meetings (if needed / requested)
- USI provides detailed benefit guides to all employees / new hires
- USI Benefit Resource Center (BRC)
  - Team of 15 Benefit Advocates in Seattle available 8am-6pm to help with benefit questions, billing issues, rejected claims, etc. (available via phone or email)
- Mobile app specifically created for City of Homer employees and dependents
  - All City of Homer benefits, carriers & contact information as well as BRC contact info
- Free 24/7 Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) for all employees
  - Comprehensive and confidential wellness programs to help support better health.
  - Includes discounts for various programs (health and fitness brands, hearing aids, etc)
  - Health Coaching / Diabetes management / Tobacco cessation
  - Mental health support – licensed therapists / 12 week therapy programs / 100% confidential

# Questions?

Thank you!





City of Homer  
Cost Summary  
July 1, 2024 Renewal Date



Current		Renewal		Negotiated Renewal		Option 1	
Medical	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Moda	
Dental	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Moda	
Vision	VSP	VSP		VSP		VSP	
Life, Accident, and Disability	Prudential	Prudential		Prudential		Prudential	
FSA Administration	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)		Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	
Total Annual Cost		% Change		% Change		% Change	
Medical	\$1,786,422	\$2,277,689	27.5%	\$2,036,520	14.0%	\$1,796,693	0.6%
1-Month Premium Holiday	N/A	N/A		N/A		-\$149,724	
Dental	\$87,795	\$93,066	6.0%	\$87,795	0.0%	\$102,088	16.3%
Vision	\$12,083	\$12,083	0.0%	\$12,083	0.0%	\$12,083	0.0%
Life/AD&D	\$9,615	\$9,615	0.0%	\$9,615	0.0%	\$9,615	0.0%
FSA Administration	Included w/ Medical	Included w/ Medical		Included w/ Medical		\$1,170	
Annual Total	\$1,895,915	\$2,392,454		\$2,146,014		\$1,771,925	
Change from Current		\$496,539		\$250,099		-\$123,991	
Percentage Change		26.2%		13.2%		-6.5%	

## Notes

- Voluntary lines of coverage are omitted from total annual cost as these coverages are fully employee paid.
- Moda's proposal comes with a 2nd-year Medical rate cap of 12%.
- FSA is on a calendar year basis, the next renewal is 1/1/2025.





**City of Homer**  
**Medical Plan**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**July 1, 2024 Renewal Date**



Benefit Outline		Current	Negotiated Renewal	Option 1
Carrier		Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	Premera BCBS of AK (Direct)	Moda
Plan Type, Network		PPO, Preferred Choice Plus	PPO, Preferred Choice Plus	PPO, Endeavor Select
Deductible (Ind / Fam)		\$1,000 / \$2,000	\$1,000 / \$2,000	\$1,000 / \$2,000
Non-Network Deductible (Ind / Fam)		\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000
Deductible Embedded / Non-Embedded		Embedded	Embedded	Embedded
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Ind / Fam)		\$4,500 / \$9,000	\$4,500 / \$9,000	\$4,500 / \$9,000
Non-Network OOP Max (Ind / Fam)		\$45,000 / \$90,000	\$45,000 / \$90,000	\$45,000 / \$90,000
Prescription OOP Max (Ind / Fam)		Included w/ Medical	Included w/ Medical	Included w/ Medical
Coinsurance (Pref. / Par. / OON)		*80% / 60% / 40%	*80% / 60% / 40%	80% / 50%
Wellness / Preventive Care		100% (dw)	100% (dw)	100% (dw)
Primary Care Office Visit		\$25 Copay (dw)	\$25 Copay (dw)	First 3 Visits: \$5 Copay 4+ Visits: \$25 Copay (dw)
Specialist Office Visit		\$60 Copay (dw)	\$60 Copay (dw)	\$25 Copay (dw)
Walk-In / Urgent Care Visit		\$40 Copay (dw)	\$40 Copay (dw)	\$25 Copay (dw)
Emergency Room		\$100 Copay / 80%	\$100 Copay / 80%	\$100 Copay / 80%
Outpatient Lab / X-Ray		80%	80%	80% (dw)
Complex Imaging (MRI, CAT, PET, et al.)		80%	80%	80%
Outpatient Surgical Facility		80%	80%	80%
Inpatient Hospital Facility		80%	80%	80%
Retail Prescription Drug Copays		\$20 / \$40 / \$60 (dw)	\$20 / \$40 / \$60 (dw)	\$15 / \$45 / \$75 (dw)
Mail Order Prescription Drug Copays		2.5x Retail	2.5x Retail	3x Retail
Specialty Prescription Drugs		Same as Retail	Same as Retail	\$15 / \$225 / 30% (dw)
<b>Rates &amp; Total Cost</b>				
Employee	27	\$1,109.99	\$1,265.39	\$1,116.37
Employee + Spouse	12	\$2,550.32	\$2,907.36	\$2,564.98
Employee + Child(ren)	20	\$2,108.20	\$2,403.35	\$2,120.32
Employee + Family	13	\$3,548.53	\$4,045.32	\$3,568.93
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>72</b>			
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$1,786,422</b>	<b>\$2,036,520</b>	<b>\$1,796,693</b>
<b>Change from Current</b>			<b>\$250,099</b>	<b>\$10,271</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>14.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

**Notes**

1. Deductible applies unless otherwise noted by (dw) = deductible waived.
2. Enrollment provided by Premera, March 2024.
3. \*Benefits are illustrated at the Preferred level.



**City of Homer**  
**Dental Plan**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**July 1, 2024 Renewal Date**



<b>Benefit Outline</b>		<b>Current</b>	<b>Option 1</b>
Carrier	Premiera BCBS of AK (Direct)	<b>Moda (Fully Insured)</b>	
Plan Type		PPO	PPO
Deductible (Individual / Family)		\$50 / \$150	<b>PPO: \$25 / \$75 Premier: \$50 / \$150</b>
Waived For Preventive		Yes	Yes
Annual Maximum		\$2,000	<b>PPO: \$2,100 Premier: \$2,000</b>
Preventive Services		100%	100%
Basic Services		80%	80%
Major Services		50%	50%
Endodontics / Periodontics		Basic	Basic
Implants		Major	Major
Orthodontia		100% (dw)	<b>50% (dw)</b>
Eligibility		Adult and Child	Adult and Child
Lifetime Maximum		\$1,500	\$1,500
Waiting Periods (Prev. / Basic / Major)		0 / 0 / 0	0 / 0 / 0
Non-Network		AK: 80th UCR Lower 48: 90th UCR	<b>80th UCR</b>
Deductible (Individual / Family)		\$50 / \$150	\$50 / \$150
Annual Maximum		\$2,000	\$2,000
Rate Guarantee		To 7/1/2024	<b>To 7/1/2025</b>
<b>Rates &amp; Total Cost</b>			
Employee	29	\$55.30	\$56.43
Employee + Spouse	13	\$112.73	\$112.11
Employee + Child(ren)	23	\$97.24	\$129.28
Employee + Family	13	\$154.66	\$187.69
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>78</b>		
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$87,795</b>	<b>\$102,088</b>
<b>Change From Current</b>			<b>\$14,292</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>16.3%</b>

**Notes**



**City of Homer**  
**Vision Plan**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**July 1, 2025 Renewal Date**



<b>Benefit Outline</b>		<b>Current</b>
Carrier		VSP
Exam Copay		\$10
Materials Copay		\$25
Lenses		100%
Frames		100% to \$130
Elective Contacts		100% to \$130
Lasik Surgery Discount		Included
Benefit Frequencies (E / L / F / C)		12 / 12 / 24 / 12
Rate Guarantee		To 7/1/2025
<b>Rates &amp; Total Cost</b>		
Employee	26	\$8.17
Employee + Spouse	15	\$13.07
Employee + Child(ren)	11	\$13.34
Employee + Family	21	\$21.51
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>73</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$12,083</b>

### Notes

1. Enrollment provided by VSP, March 2024.





**City of Homer**  
**Life / AD&D Plan**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**July 1, 2025 Renewal Date**



<b>Benefit Outline</b>		<b>Current</b>
Carrier		Prudential
Definition of Earnings		Base Salary Only
Contributory / Non-Contributory		Non-Contributory
Eligibility		FTE Working $\geq$ 40 HPW
Benefit Amount		1x Earnings
Benefit Maximum		\$100,000
Guarantee Issue		Full Benefit Amount
Benefit Reductions		Reduces To: 65% at Age 65; 50% at Age 70
Waiver of Premium		9 Mo. Elimination Period
Benefits Extend To		Age 65
If Disabled Prior To		Age 60
Accelerated Benefits		Included
Benefit Amount Accessible		90%
Portability		Not Included
Conversion		Life: Included
Rate Guarantee		To 7/1/2025
<b>Volumes, Rates &amp; Total Cost</b>		
Number of Employees		101
Benefit Volume		\$7,218,800
Life Rate Per \$1,000		\$0.092
AD&D Rate Per \$1,000		\$0.019
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$9,615</b>

### Notes

1. Enrollment and volume provided by Prudential, March 2024.



**City of Homer**  
**Voluntary Life / AD&D Plan**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**July 1, 2025 Renewal Date**



<b>Benefit Outline</b>	<b>Current</b>
Carrier	Prudential
Definition of Earnings	Base Salary Only
Eligibility	FTE Working $\geq$ 40 HPW
Child Age Requirement	15 Days to Age 19, 25 if FTS
Benefit Increments	
Employee	\$10,000
Spouse	\$5,000
Children	\$2,000
Benefit Maximums	
Employee	7x Earnings to \$500,000
Spouse	50% of Ee Amt to \$150,000
Children	50% of Ee Amt to \$10,000
Guarantee Issue	
Employee	\$100,000
Spouse	\$20,000
Children	Full Benefit Amount
Benefit Reductions	Reduces To: 65% at Age 65; 50% at Age 70
Participation (Req. / Actual)	15% / 19.6% (19 Ees)
Rate Guarantee	To 7/1/2025

<b>Life Per \$1,000</b>	<b>Employee / Spouse</b>
Under Age 25	\$0.120
25-29	\$0.120
30-34	\$0.130
35-39	\$0.170
40-44	\$0.220
45-49	\$0.340
50-54	\$0.600
55-59	\$1.010
60-64	\$1.360
65-69	\$2.110
70-74	\$3.950
75-99	\$6.850
Child Life	\$0.180

<b>AD&amp;D Per \$1,000</b>	
EE AD&D	\$0.019
SP AD&D	\$0.020
Child AD&D	\$0.010

**Notes**

1. Participation provided by Prudential, March 2024.



**City of Homer**  
**Flexible Spending Account**  
**Benefit Outline and Cost Summary**  
**January 1, 2024 Renewal Date**



Benefit Outline		Current	Renewal
Administrator		Premiera Blue Cross of AK	Premiera Blue Cross of AK
Annual Contribution Maximum			
Section 125 Health Care	20	\$2,850	<b>\$3,250</b>
Section 129 Dependent Care	10	\$5,000	\$5,000
Reimbursement Method		Paper, Direct Deposit	Paper, Direct Deposit
Web Based Administration		Included	Included
Preparation of Plan Document & SPD		Not Included	Not Included
IRS Form 5500 Preparation		Included	Included
Discrimination Testing		Not Included	Not Included
\$500 Carry-Over		Included	Included
Rate Guarantee		To 1/1/2024	<b>To 1/1/2025</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Total Cost</b>			
Per Participant/Account Per Month Fee		\$3.25	\$3.25
Debit Card Fee		Included	Included
<b>Total Annual Cost</b>		<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>
<b>Change from Current</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>0.0%</b>

## Notes

1. The IRS carry-over for 2024 into 2025 is \$640. City of Homer elected to restrict to \$500.



# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 24-21 An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer Alaska Amending the FY24 Capital Budget By Re-Appropriating FY22 State of Alaska Community Assistance Program Payment in the Amount of \$98,714.98 From Various ADA Projects to the Airport Terminal Sidewalk Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and City Council  
**Date:** May 3, 2024  
**From:** Leon Galbraith, PE, City Engineer  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, Interim City Manager

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- I. **Issue:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend appropriating \$98,714.98 from the FY22 State of Alaska CAP Grant to be applied to the construction funding for the replacement of the sidewalk at the Homer Airport Terminal.
- II. **Background:** The FY24 Capital Budget includes \$76,175 from the General CARMA Fund to replace the sidewalk at the Homer Airport Terminal. The replacement sidewalk would have heat piping to keep it ice free and properly constructed ADA handicap ramps.

Invitations to Bid were advertised in the Homer News on August 24 and September 31, 2023. There were no responsive bidders on this initial effort as well as a second consecutive attempt at bidding.

This project is an urgent need and estimated construction costs have increased in the last two years justifying the need for additional construction funding to be secured.

- III. **Recommendation:** That the City Council re-appropriate the \$98,714.98 CAP Grant funding to the Airport Terminal Sidewalk Replacement Project in addition to the already budgeted \$76,175, thereby making available \$174,889.98 total for sidewalk replacement construction funding.

**From:** [Melissa Jacobsen](#)  
**To:** [Renee Krause](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Automatic Air B&B sales tax collection  
**Date:** Monday, May 13, 2024 8:17:58 AM

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**From:** Landa Baily <landabaily@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 12, 2024 12:05 PM  
**To:** Department Clerk <clerk@ci.homer.ak.us>  
**Subject:** Automatic Air B&B sales tax collection

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear City of Homer Council Members:

Please support the automatic collection of City of Homer sales tax collection for Air B&B bookings.

The Air B&B owners are providing a commercial service; their out of town customers benefit from fire and police protection; hospital and emergency medical services; and water, sewer, airport, harbor, and road infrastructure when they visit Homer.

When you think of it, visitors get quite a good bargain when they pay the tax, and there is no burden to the business owner.

Thank you,  
Landa Baily  
Homer, Alaska

## Homer Blessing of the Fleet & Memorial Service

(907) 399-4856 email: captgreg@alaska.net

"Grace to the ones we lost, blessings for all that are here"

***"Come rain or Shine"***

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Committee members:** Pastors Jamie McBride & Mark Edens of Nazarene and Regent Life Churches, respectively; Lacey Velsko & Scott "Gaff" Adams of the Seafarers' Memorial and she is also on the Port & Harbor Comm. too, Laurie Gentle of the Homer USCG Auxiliary Unit, and myself, Greg Sutter of Captain Greg's Charters, LLC.

**Alliance of organizations that support the event as of May 12th:** The Homer Marine Trades Assoc., North Pacific Fisheries Assoc., Homer Charter Assoc., Homer Yacht Club, Homer Chamber of Commerce, Homer Council on the Arts, Alaska Charter Assoc., Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Cook Inletkeeper, American Legion Post 16, VFW Anchor Pt., Homer Elks Lodge 2127, Scout Troop 555, Sea Tow, Petro Marine, the Nazarene Church and the Regent Life Church, more to come.....

Homer's own Mayor Castner will start the event at the [Seafarers' Memorial](#) at 5:30 p.m.

Followed by the Memorial Service to grant homage to those lost at sea and our veterans whom sacrificed for US to make this all possible. The fleet will stage offshore of the [Seafarers' Memorial](#) prior to 5:30 p.m.

**Procession of the Parade and Individual Blessing of each vessel as they return to the Harbor entrance. Order of Parade Procession of vessels exiting/entering Harbor:**

--US Coast Guard, USCG Auxiliary, Alaska State Wildlife Troopers, NOAA Enforcement, State Parks, American Legion Post 16, (possibly Pilot boat from SW Pilots' Assoc.), Harbor Master's boat (with possibly the mayor, fire and/or police chief onboard), Sea Tow then parade procession of all other vessels will follow: Private, Commercial and Charter.

--Participating vessels **must** sign-up/register before the event primarily to prevent congestion when approaching their mooring slip. *"First ones Out, Last ones In. Last ones Out, First ones In."*

**Hailed on VHF Radio Channel 68** where a podium is set between Petro Marine and Ferry Dock at [Coal Point Park](#). Spectators are to gather at [Coal Point Park](#) to view returning vessels

**THEN**

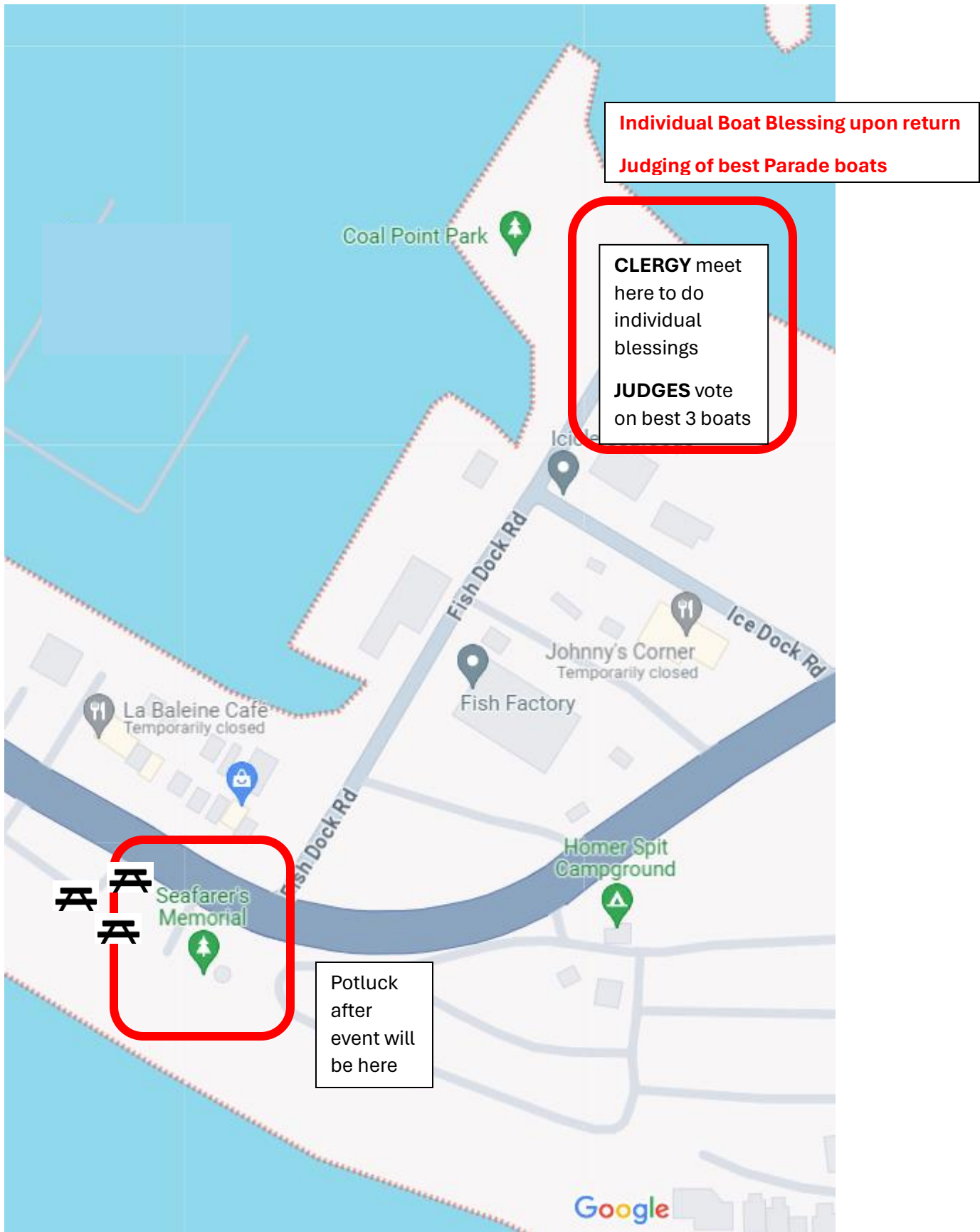
**Potluck (your favorite dish is welcomed), Hamburgers & Hotdogs at**  
[Seafarers' Memorial](#)

**Have your Church Leader signup if you want him/her to Bless your boat & crew.**

**\*\*\*Volunteers encouraged\*\*\***



<b>4pm</b>	Vessel Captain meeting over radio. Event Plan will have already been emailed to participants
<b>4:30-5:20</b>	Vessels depart harbor in 10-minute increments from B Float to Z Float, announced on radio
<b>5:30</b>	All vessels stage at Seafarer's Memorial for public blessing
<b>5:40</b>	Parade of Boats: First ones Out, "B Float" will follow the procession of Fed. & State vessels. First ones In, those at "W Float" will follow Fed & State vessels to return to their mooring.
<b>~6pm</b>	Vessels hail as they return for individual blessing of their boats as they come through harbor entry Judges view and vote on best commercial, charter and recreational decorated boats
<b>6pm</b>	Potluck and donation-suggested burgers and hot dogs offered at Seafarer's Memorial
<b>Contingency:</b> If weather prevents getting on the water, attendees will meet at the Seafarer's Memorial for blessing and potluck meal; (no parade of boats or judging for best decorated boat). See detail following.	



Individual Boat Blessing upon return  
Judging of best Parade boats

**CLERGY** meet  
here to do  
individual  
blessings  
**JUDGES** vote  
on best 3 boats

Potluck  
after  
event will  
be here



# Operational Details for Vessel Participants

Required Vessel sign-up sheets will be at: The Harbor Masters Office, South Central Radar, Ulmers, Gear Shed, Petro Marine and Tackle Shack.

**Sign up is REQUIRED and need by May 12**

## PRE-EVENT BRIEFING

Each captain will receive the detailed event plan about May 13th and is expected to attend the **4pm briefing on event day via marine radio on VHF CHANNEL 68.**

## ORDER OF VESSELS:

For traffic control, **First ones Out, Last ones In; Last ones out, First ones In** (ie: Floats B-W, then W-B). This will help maintain the flow without having vessels wait for others to moor which will be very important if it is windy, especially at the narrowing of the channel between M float and JJ float and ends between V and CC. So we can list float letters B through W to keep it simple.

**Fed & State vessels will be the very first to leave and first to return to the harbor.**

## DETAILS OF WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN

If the official weather station in the Harbor is reporting winds of 35 knots or more, the boat parade will be cancelled but we will still gather at the Seafarers' Memorial for the Blessing of the Fleet & Memorial Service and food. If the wind is in excess of 20 knots, vessels less than 25' will be strongly discouraged from participating in the parade procession.

## INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF BOATS

If ANY REGISTERED Captain would like to have a brief blessing of their own boat, please contact Pastor Jamie McBride at 907-630-0222. The individual boat blessings will be conducted as boats return to the harbor, with clergymen at the Coal Point Park. Please get advance information from Pastor McBride.

**Blessing of the Fleet, Parade of Boats and Celebration Potluck  
Homer Harbor on May 22, 2024, 4pm. **Deadline May 12****

Recreational, Charter and Commercial vessels are invited to participate in this event that will grant homage to those who have passed and bless the success of the fishing season at the Seafarer's Memorial. The event will include a Parade of Boats with the top 3 decorated vessels in each category winning a prize. When returning to the harbor, you may request an individual blessing of your boat and if available, from a clergyman of your faith. Finally, we will celebrate the day with a potluck and a suggested donation for hotdogs and hamburgers.... **All proceeds will benefit the Seafarer's Memorial!** Event details following via email to each Captain, but **take a pic of the attached flier** so you have a reminder of the event before you receive the plan. *Because of event logistics, sign up is required.*

Recreational  
Charter  
Commercial

[illegible]



# **Blessing of the Fleet**

**May 22, 5:30pm, Seafarer's Memorial**

**Join in a beautiful, public event featuring**

**A blessing for those headed out to sea**

**A prayer for their safe return**

**Prizes for best decorated boats in the parade**

**Individual blessing of boats**

**Community gathering and potluck**



**Captains must register by May 12 for individual blessings at the  
Harbor Master's Office, South Central Radar, Ulmers,  
Gear Shed, Petro Marine & Tackle Shack**

## DC Trip Report

April 29 - May 3, 2024

Council Member Rachel Lord & Special Projects Coordinator Jenny Carroll

Jenny and I had a very productive, whirlwind trip to DC. We left Homer Monday afternoon, took a redeye flight and arrived in DC on Tuesday afternoon. We met Chris & Reggie of J&H Consultants Wednesday morning and then set off for a full day of meetings, which are recapped below. Thursday morning we met with Drue Pearce and Kaleb Froehlich from Holland & Hart to better understand the opportunities for federal lobbying and strategizing for the City of Homer. That is also recapped below. Later Thursday morning, we went on a Capitol tour with a member of Sen. Murkowski's staff. We flew home Thursday night, arriving in Anchorage in the wee hours and driving home Friday. Many thanks to the Council for supporting this trip - Congress was in the middle of appropriations, and we were told many times how valuable it was to have a physical presence in the Capitol to discuss our priorities and Congressional Designated Spending (CDS) requests with staff.



Jenny and I sent postcards to Senator Stevens and Representative Vance, and we sent cards of appreciation to those we met with in DC upon our return home. It was great to have Chris & Reggie set up our meetings, and join us on nearly every meeting (except with the Corps). Chris took notes during our meetings, and together they were a familiar presence even in DC.

**Sen. Murkowski's Staff: Dana Herndon, Legislative Assistance; Matt Robinson, Staff; Matt Jones, Staff; Amanda Klawinski, Staff/USCG Fellow**

- Reviewed in detail the City's CDS requests in order of priority, answering staff questions on each project:
  - 1: Systems 1 & 4 Float Replacement (other funding sources include PIDP proposal, Denali Commission)
    - Staff assured us that the full Delegation is working on a joint letter of support for our PIDP proposal.
    - Staff confirmed that the Senator does not have a PIDP account available this year, but that the Senator will work with Representative Peltola, who is taking PIDP requests.
  - 2: Spit Erosion Mitigation
    - Noted that we will work with Senator Murkowski's staff in the next week to refine the language here to focus more on climate resiliency vs. road protection, to better align with the NOAA available funds
  - 3: A-Frame Water Transmission Main Replacement
  - 4: Beluga Slough Lift Station
- Discussed how everyone is really re-learning, or learning for the first time, the appropriations process.

- The Homer team was complimented on the information they have provided both in person and through the CDS application process. Sen. Murkowski's staff looks forward to the continuing relationship with Homer.

### **Sen. Murkowski**

- We expressed sincere appreciation for her partnership and support for Homer's General Investigation.
- Focused GI status, financial commitments from the City and State, appreciation for inclusion in the President's FY25 budget, and the hope for bridge funding in the Corp's FY24 work plan.
- We asked for the Senator's support in getting an Economic Survey through the lengthy USACE approval process, as it's been with the Federal partners since December. The survey will help identify and document economic activity, and is intended to supplement the USACE's standard economic model. We reviewed our understanding of its current status - that it has passed through the lengthy USACE review and is now heading to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- Sen. Murkowski appreciates long range planning and patience of the Homer team. She continues to support the project.



### **Senator Dan Sullivan**

**Erin Johnson, Staff**

**Jason, staff**

**Eric Ulman, Staff/USCG Fellow**

- We expressed sincere appreciation for the Senator's support for Homer's General Investigation. Senator Sullivan expressed he is very supportive of the study.
- We provided an update on the GI status, financial commitments from the City and State, appreciation for inclusion in the President's FY25 budget, and the hope for inclusion of some bridge funding in the Corp's FY24 work plan budget.
- We emphasized the need for the Economic Survey to be approved, as it's been with the Federal partners since December. We reviewed our understanding of its current status - that it has passed the lengthy USACE review process and is now heading to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- Sen. Sullivan will continue to monitor Army Corp funding and meets with them at least quarterly. He also said he would keep an eye on the Economic Survey and track it through OMB.
- Staff confirmed the full Delegation is working on a joint letter of support for our PIDP proposal.



**Congressperson Mary Peltola**  
**Logan Basner, Legislative Assistant**

- Reviewed in detail the City's appropriation (CPF - Community Project Funding) requests in order of priority, answering staff questions on each project:
  - 1: Systems 1 & 4 Float Replacement (other funding sources include PIDP proposal, Denali Commission)
    - Logan confirmed the full Delegation is working on a joint letter of support for our PIDP proposal.
  - 2: Spit Erosion Mitigation (\*quick\* overview)
  - 3: A-Frame Water Pipe Replacement (\*quick\* overview)
  - 4: Beluga Slough Lift Station (\*quick\* overview)
- Rep. Peltola noted that she works closely with Sen. Murkowski on these projects.
- We reviewed the Harbor Expansion General Investigation and Rep. Peltola offered her support. She was recently in Homer, and appreciated how crowded the harbor was. We discussed different revenue streams at the harbor, City bonding capabilities, and the importance of the Homer Port & Harbor for the movement of goods and fleets that serve western Alaska.
- Rep. Peltola compliments Homer on sharing their resources and the long range planning vision of the community.



**Steve Kopecky, Deputy Chief Northwest Division Regional Integration Team, Civil Works,  
US Army Corps of Engineers**

**Team via Zoom: Dan / Regine / Ida / Rachel**

HQ REGIONAL INTEGRATION TEAM (RIT)								
	SAD	SPD	MVD	SWD	LRD	NAD	NWD	POD
HQ SES RIT Champion	Pete Perez, SES Chief, Engineering & Construction		Eric Bush, SES Chief, Planning & Policy		Thomas Smith, SES Chief, Operations & Regulatory		Stephen Hill, SES Chief, Homeland Security	
RIT Deputy	Susan Lucas		Karla Roberts		Ryan Fisher		Steve Kopecky	
Programmer	Doris Valentin- Meyer Ingrid Bon	Julia Harvey	Sharon Sartor	Rebecca Albert	Joseph Aldridge	Anastasiya Kononova	Regine Maier	Vacant
Planner	Sue Wilcox Ingrid Bon	Charles Wilson	Ian Swisher Bryan Taylor	Eddie Douglass	Karen Miller	Nate Richards	Dan Hughes	Rachel Wooten
Endowed Chair	Nicole Liette	Rachel Watson	Rachel Hawes	Tony Porter,	Kaitlyn McClain/Arun Heer		Ida Royer	

On Wednesday afternoon, we met for over an hour with Steve Kopecky at the USACE DC headquarters. Steve is the Deputy Chief of the Northwest/Pacific Ocean Division Regional Integration Team - [here is a presentation](#) from early April about what the RIT is. Five members of his team joined via zoom, including two lead planners. We discussed the status of the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation study in depth, including the status of the Economic Survey approval. We asked that the team work with their Chief Economist to ensure that there is a solid Plan B, and timeline for this important documentation, in the event the survey approval gets delayed or lost within the OMB. Everyone we talked to considered OMB a concerning black box, especially for survey approval which has just been resumed after a long hiatus.



We expressed strong appreciation for our Project Development Team, and the need for continuation funding to match the City and State investments. We expressed sincere hope for inclusion in the FY24 work plan, and were (unsurprisingly) given no assurances one way or another, but that the workplan budget should be out within the next month. We discussed that the GI was in the President's proposed FY25 budget and Mr. Kopecky indicated that it is rare for a USACE budget item to be removed from the Federal proposed budget.

We had brief discussions about the overall GI process, and talked at length about the move nationally (especially for projects in Alaska and Hawaii) to shift from a strict >1 BCA to including an assessment of “comprehensive benefit” to evaluate potential projects. Steve talked through how they are beginning to better understand and integrate the challenges of holding all projects to economic modeling metrics that work for the Port of Los Angeles or Tacoma, for example, but have never worked for remote locations across the nation. We asked Steve for any further resources to help us better understand and communicate the concept of comprehensive benefit, and he said he would find something to share.

Steve and his team plan to meet with our Project Development Team following the release of the FY 24 work plan to review and update where we are for the Homer Harbor GI.

### **Drue Pearce & Kaleb Froehlich, Holland & Hart**

On Thursday morning, we met with Drue Pearce - a lobbyist with Holland & Hart. Drue lived in Anchorage, and served in the Alaska Legislature from 1985-2001, serving as Senate President in 1995 and 1999. She provided us with detailed information about Holland & Hart’s federal lobbying services, their extensive Alaska connections, and the strong potential return on investment for having a federal presence.

We talked generally about City projects with a federal nexus, including the Harbor GI, spit erosion, other appropriations requests, and other projects. We were also joined by Kaleb Froehlich, who recently moved to Holland & Hart from his previous position as Chief of Staff to Senator Murkowski. Kaleb isn’t lobbying for H&H, but is providing some consulting services that may be useful for the City. Included with our report is the letter Drue provided us with more detailed information about their services. When we inquired about rough cost estimates, she gave a broad range of \$6,000 - \$7,500/month with an annual contract, depending on the level of services. All together, these materials and information should provide the Council and Port & Harbor Advisory Commission with good context for a robust conversation about how we might want to proceed.





**A Side Note - Federal Lobbying:**

According to OpenSecrets.org, other AK municipalities reporting federal lobbyists in 2023:

Anchorage	\$200,000	Blank Rome Government Relations
Sitka	\$160,000	Blank Rome Government Relations
Native Village of Eyak	\$120,000	Jack Ferguson Associates, Inc.
Juneau	\$120,000	Blank Rome Government Relations
Seward	\$80,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Akutan	\$80,000	Blank Rome Government Relations
Unalaska	\$75,996	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
King Cove	\$72,000	Silver Legal Services
Dillingham	\$69,000	Chris Hladick Consulting
Haines	\$60,000	Windward Strategies/Isthmus LLC
Nome	\$50,000	Windward Strategies
Craig	\$45,000	Silver Legal Services/Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Hoonah	\$40,000	Markley & Co
Kodiak	\$40,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Petersburg	\$40,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Kodiak Island Borough	\$40,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Wrangell	\$40,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Whittier	\$40,000	Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh
Kotzebue	\$30,000	Holland & Hart
Valdez	\$20,000	Capitol Hill Consulting Group
State of Alaska	\$40,000	Brownstein, Hyatt et al

May 1, 2024

Special Projects and Communications Director Jennifer Carroll  
Council Member Rachel Lord  
City of Homer,  
491 E. Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Ms. Carroll and Member Lord,

Thank you for the opportunity and your consideration of our proposal for Federal Government Lobbying Services for the City of Homer. This letter is an introduction to Holland & Hart and outlines an offer of engagement to address municipal harbor expansion and funding, opportunities for additional federal grant funding, and other issues that may be of interest moving forward.

With a proven track record spanning decades, Holland & Hart is well-positioned to assist the City of Homer in advancing its federal presence, interests, and reputation in Washington. An Alaskan since 1977, I understand the unique challenges faced in our home state. My lengthy service in the State Legislature, including my eight years as Senate President and Finance Co-chair, left me with a unique understanding of the importance of federal funding to the state and its municipalities. My service at three federal agencies gives me an uncommon understanding of federal agency budgeting and the federal grant process. I am experienced at educating those in Washington, DC about what makes Alaska different and why a one-size-fits-all approach seldom works to address Alaska issues, especially for our more remote communities.

Because I divide my time between Alaska and Washington, DC, I'm able to keep my finger on the pulse of Alaska's people and the issues of the day. I'm also able to easily travel throughout the state. I am passionate about Alaska, especially about coastal communities. You may remember that my committees had jurisdiction over the spill prevention and mitigation laws passed by the Legislature after the Exxon Valdez, and I continued to monitor shipping as prime sponsor of the Marine Pilot reauthorizations until I left Juneau.

Given the present uncertainty about the annual appropriations process during an election year and beyond, this is an especially important time for the city to be involved in the decision-making process in Washington, DC. The Alaska Delegation will continue to work on broad Alaskan legislation focused on economic development and economic certainty for the tourism, mining, fisheries, and oil industries at the same time they secure Congressionally Directed Spending allocations for Alaskan projects. It is vital that the city keep members of Congress and

agencies in Washington updated on your views to ensure your concerns and interests are represented.

Holland & Hart can help the city take full advantage of federal support for infrastructure development. There is an abundance of open federal agency grant programs which can be used to diversify and strengthen the local economy, including the proposed harbor expansion.

The city's priorities will inevitably be evaluated by federal agencies and even by the Alaska Delegation in the context of the myriad priorities advanced by the Borough, by other municipalities within the region, by CIRI and local Tribes, by the State of Alaska, and by local utilities and other interests, such as AIDEA. Coordination, collaboration, and consultation (the three C's) with your competitors for federal dollars are essential to the city's success; you need allies, as do they. I bring over thirty years of government service and experience to your priorities; I've written both the State capitol and operating budgets as well as federal agency budgets, lobbied for local, state, and federal projects, managed federal grant programs, issued millions of dollars of grants, and managed large projects that required federal, state, local, and Tribal coordination. I understand the promises of the Statehood Compact, and the differences faced by Alaska and its people. I know the region and am a gifted advocate who will use those three C's to help you build support for the city's priorities in a very crowded setting.

#### Plan of Action

As part of a strategic government relations lobbying effort on the City of Homer's behalf, Holland & Hart will conduct a careful analysis of your current needs, assets, and historic efforts relative to your harbor expansion. I will come to Homer to meet and have in-depth discussions with City officials about your needs and expectations. This analysis will review your existing relationships with government decision-makers on Capitol Hill and within relevant agencies to identify areas where an investment of effort and resources will best strengthen your current relationships and address any existing deficiencies. We will pursue your priorities by promoting the city's views before Congress and the Executive Branch.

We will work directly with the Mayor and the City's team, with our agency contacts, and with the relevant committee authorizers and appropriators. Key target committees will include both the Senate and House Appropriation Committees, and other committees where our Delegation plays key roles, such as House Transportation and Infrastructure, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation, and Armed Services.

Parallel to the Congressional outreach, Holland & Hart will also help maintain and enhance strong lines of communication with officials in federal agencies and the White House.

Earlier COVID restrictions have had a positive effect in that Members, staff, and Administration officials are much more willing to utilize virtual technologies that were pioneered by the Alaska Legislature decades ago. This allows city officials to speak directly to politicians and career staff in DC without the cost and time away from home required to travel to DC. Our efforts on behalf of the city would combine both in-person and virtual elements.

I would be the principal lobbyist on the account. It is critical to establish regular and effective communication and I will work with Homer officials via monthly update and strategy calls and written reports as well as coming to Homer for meetings when appropriate. I am available daily to consult with City officials via email, phone, and text as issues and questions arise. While I will be the Holland & Hart lead working on behalf of the City of Homer, the Firm has additional DC resources to track legislation and Congressional and executive branch developments. We would prepare briefing materials, testimony, talking points, and correspondence as needed. In addition, we would identify the most relevant decision-makers, schedule high value meetings, and accompany City officials in virtual or in-person meetings when appropriate. Further, Holland & Hart would work with you to coordinate and implement recommended initiatives and advise you regarding necessary follow-up. We would also provide proactive guidance and strategic support as appropriate.

As you know, Kaleb Froehlich recently rejoined the Firm after his three years of serving as Senator Murkowski's Chief of Staff. Kaleb is, of course, an extraordinary asset to the Firm but will also be an asset to Homer as we work together to move the harbor expansion project forward.

#### Biography

With over 30 years of state and federal elected and appointed service and a decade of private sector experience, I have expertise in a diverse range of roles while navigating the federal landscape in Alaska and Washington, D.C. Apart from my most recent federal service as the Deputy Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Waste Safety Administration (PHMSA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), I have focused exclusively on Alaska issues.

My approach to lobbying combines substantial expertise, strong Hill and executive branch relationships, and the development and implementation of specific strategies. I believe it is important to work closely with clients to understand their priorities and tailor lobbying goals to current legislative and political conditions. I prefer to build long-term relationships with clients to allow for more effective pursuit of annual and multi-year initiatives. My extensive knowledge of regulatory processes and stakeholders gives me invaluable insight into the critical issues that affect clients.

I have experience working for municipal and state government entities as well as private sector clients. I believe I can best serve individual clients that do not have competing priorities. In my experience, a lobbyist who goes to the Delegation with a myriad of requests for several entities in the same region is inevitably asked to prioritize the requests. Therefore, I would not attempt to take on other clients in the Kenai Borough without consulting you.

As my attached resume makes clear, I have unique experience and perspective with issues involving federal and state lands management, responsible resource development, ANCs and Alaska Natives and Tribal governments, and Arctic issues.

Holland & Hart has offices in both Anchorage and DC; I divide my time between the two as necessary to best serve my clients.

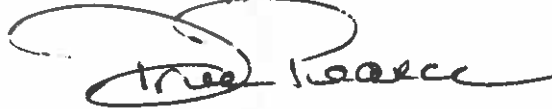
Past and present clients include the North Slope Borough Mayor, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, AIDEA, the State of Alaska, the City of Kotzebue, a major oil and gas corporation, an international transportation project and a foreign mining interest. During my 17 years of elected service in the Alaska Legislature, my constituents in West Anchorage were my clients.

## Compensation Structure

We would propose a monthly retainer with an annual contract. We would also expect out-of-pocket travel expenses, as needed and approved in advance by the city.

I am excited about the prospect of partnering on behalf of Holland & Hart with the City of Homer and thank you again for your consideration. Please call me at 907.230.8558 if you have any questions. I can also be reached at [DPearce@hollandhart.com](mailto:DPearce@hollandhart.com).

Sincerely,



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Government Affairs Director  
Holland & Hart LLP  
907.865.2600 AK  
202.393.6500 DC

cc: Mr. Reggie Joule

Attachment

# Drue Pearce

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## Present and Past Positions

### ***Director of Government Affairs***

Holland & Hart, Anchorage, AK and Washington, D.C.

March 2021 – Present  
January 2021 – August 2017

Provide strategic government affairs services to clients in the energy, utility, local and state government sectors focused on Alaska, Arctic Council, Arctic Policy, energy security and resource development issues.

### ***Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) at USDOT***

President Donald W. Trump Administration, Washington, D.C.

August 2017 – January 2021

Non-career SES Appointee: served as the Agency's second in command; responsible to the Administrator for providing overall leadership, planning and policy direction for the agency. Had direct responsibility for Rulemaking. TS/SCI security clearance.

### ***Senior Policy Advisor***

Crowell & Moring, LLP, Anchorage, AK and Washington, D.C.

November 2010 – January 2017

Provide strategic government affairs services to clients in the energy, utility, local and state government sectors focused on Alaska, Arctic Council, Arctic Policy, energy security and resource development issues.

### ***Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects***

President George W. Bush Administration, Washington, D.C.

December 2006 - January 2010

Presidential appointee confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Office of the Federal Coordinator (OFC) was responsible for advancing the nation's energy, environmental, and economic security by expediting the delivery of Alaska natural gas to North American markets. This Executive Level III position entailed the startup of an independent agency of the federal government responsible for coordinating the activities of more than 20 federal agencies, the State of Alaska, the Government of Canada, project proponents, and myriad stakeholders. As Federal Coordinator, I was responsible for all aspects of managing the agency, including policy development, staffing, budget, strategic planning, implementation, and governmental and public affairs. TS security clearance.

### ***Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of the Interior***

U.S. Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

June 2001 - December 2006

Federal Schedule C Political Appointee. Directed Secretarial level activities of seven U.S. Interior Department agency Alaska regional offices and served as Alaska intergovernmental and congressional liaison. Participated in decision making and advised on policy decisions of national importance, including National Energy Policy implementation. TS security clearance.

### ***State Senator, Alaska Legislature***

January 1989 – June 2001

Elected to the Alaska State Senate for four terms, first woman to serve two terms as Senate President, twice as co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee and as Rules Committee chairman.

### ***State Representative, Alaska Legislature***

January 1985 – January 1989

Elected in 1984 to the Alaska House of Representatives for two terms, Minority Whip in second term.

## **Accomplishments**

- Member of Coordinating Subcommittee of the National Petroleum Council's Arctic Research Report: *Arctic Potential: Realizing the Promise of U.S. Arctic Oil and Gas Resources, 2015*, and *Dynamic Delivery: America's Evolving Oil and Natural Gas Transportation Infrastructure, 2019*.
- Signatory for Department of the Interior to 2006 Memorandum of Understanding Related to an Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project and coordinated project activities (2004-2006).
- Appointed by Secretary of Transportation to Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Technical Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (2003-2009).
- Appointed by Secretary of the Interior as Federal Trustee to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council and as Interior Representative to the Inter-Agency Research Policy Council (IARPC) (2001-2006).
- Appointed by Secretary of Defense to Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (2001-2002).
- Chaired Alaska Legislative Committees of jurisdiction that authored complete rewrite of Alaska's oil and hazardous waste prevention, contingency planning, and response statutes, as well as the state pilotage laws and other updates because of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Prime sponsor of legislation to bring non-tanker vessels into compliance with prevention and response statutes.
- Served as Chair and Executive Committee member of The Energy Council, a legislative organization of energy-producing states in the United States, Canadian provinces, and the nation of Venezuela (1989-2001).

## **International Experience**

- Engaged all levels of Canadian federal, provincial, and First Nations officials in coordinating activities on both sides of the international border to permit a 2,700-mile natural gas pipeline. Developed close working relationships in Ottawa, Calgary, Yellowknife, Whitehorse, and Vancouver.
- Co-led Alaska Legislature and Business Delegation to Alberta and Northwest Territories to establish intergovernmental protocols (2001).
- Member of the U.S. Delegation to the Arctic Council. Directed Interior Department participation in the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA), Oil and Gas Assessment, and other working group projects. Served on the Sustainable Development Working Group and participated in Arctic Council Senior Arctic Official (SAO) and Ministerial Meetings in Finland, Russia, Iceland, and Norway. Member of Executive Committee that organized the first U.S.-Canada Arctic Research Forum (2001 – 2009).
- American Co-Chair, U.S. West Coast – Russian Far East Business Commission Ad Hoc Working Group. Chaired numerous meetings in the U.S., Sakhalin Island, and Vladivostok. Hosted Sakhalin and Khabarovsk regional Duma delegations in Alaska and signed official protocols with both (1996 – 1998).
- As officer of the Energy Council, led delegations to Venezuela, Mexico, Bolivia, Costa Rica, and Canada. (1993 – 2000).
- Associate Fellow, The Nautical Institute, London, United Kingdom.
- Co-Chair of the Arctic Circle Task Force on Shipping and Ports.

## **Civic and Professional Positions**

- Principal Owner, Cloverland Farm, White County, IL and Hunt Valley, MD (1990 – present).
- Founding Board Member of the Damage Prevention Action Center (2024).
- Former Chair & Member of Executive Committee, Institute of the North Board of Directors (2010 – 2017).
- Member of the Board of the Marine Exchange Alaska (2011 – 2017).
- Vice Chair, Alaska Aerospace Corporation Board of Directors (2011 – 8/2016).
- Vice Chair, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors (2013 – 2015).
- Member of the Executive Committee, Arctic Power (2010 – 2016).
- Resources Consultant, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (1987 – 2000).
- Legislative Ex Officio Member of the Boards of Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and the Alaska Women's Aid in Crisis (1990 – 2001).
- Alaska National Bank of the North, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Manager in Kotzebue

## **Education**

- The Executive Program (TEP), Darden School of Business, University of Virginia (1989).
- MPA, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1984).
- BA, Biological Sciences, Indiana University (1973).

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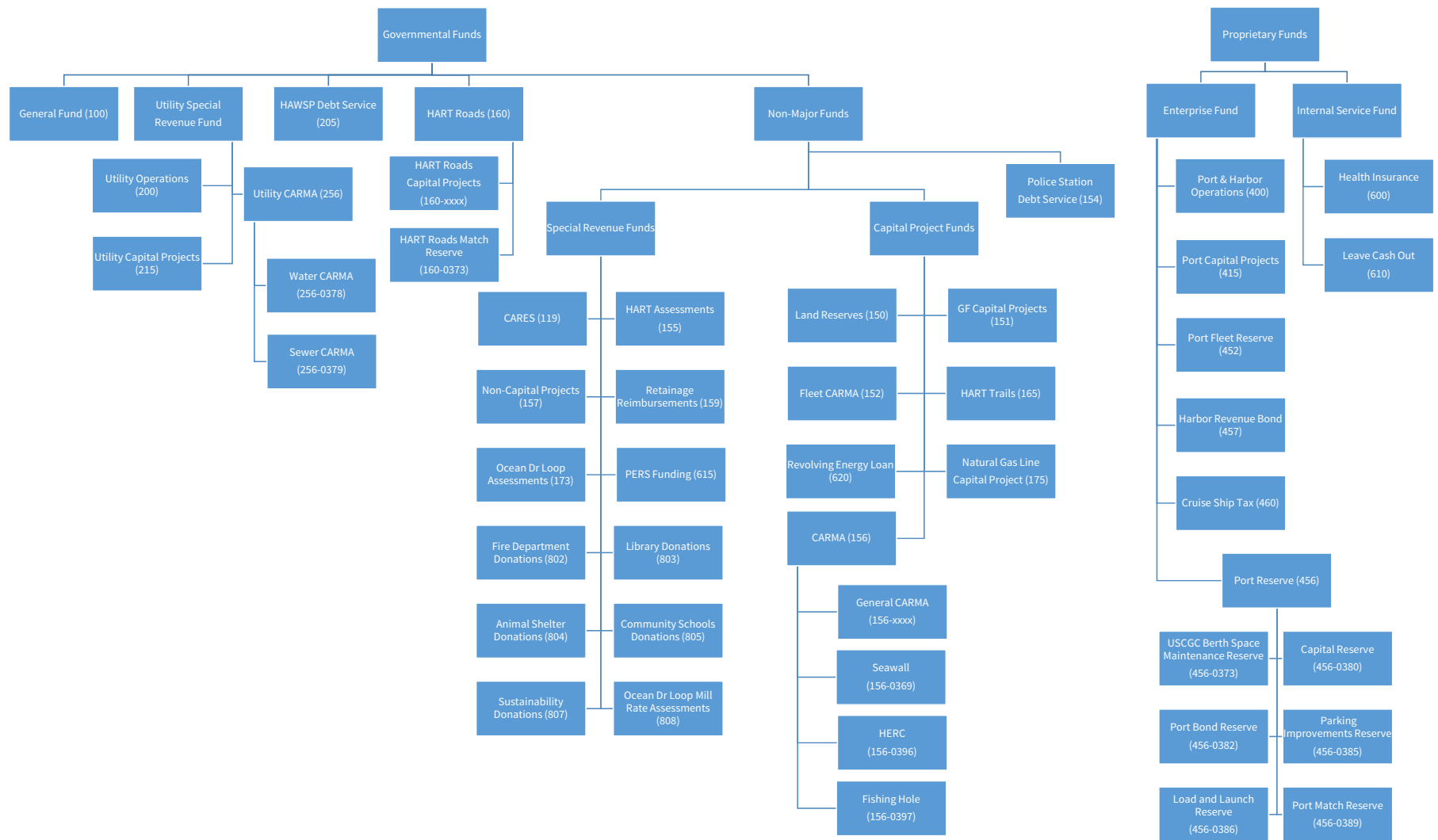


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**City of Homer**  
**Financial Reporting Schedule**  
**for Calendar Year 2024**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
1/8/2024	Monthly FY24 Year-to-Date (YTD) Report
1/22/2024	
2/12/2024	FY24 2nd Quarter Report
2/26/2024	Monthly FY24 YTD Report
3/11/2024	
3/26/2024	Monthly FY24 YTD Report
4/8/2024	
4/22/2024	Monthly FY24 YTD Report
5/13/2024	FY24 3rd Quarter Report
5/28/2024	Monthly FY24 YTD Report
6/10/2024	
6/24/2024	Monthly FY24 YTD Report
7/22/2024	Monthly FY24 Year-End Report - Preliminary
8/12/2024	FY24 4th Quarter Report
8/26/2024	Monthly FY25 YTD Report
9/9/2024	
9/23/2024	Monthly FY25 YTD Report
10/14/2024	
10/28/2024	Monthly FY25 YTD Report
11/12/2024	FY25 1st Quarter Report
11/25/2024	Monthly FY25 YTD Report



Fund Balance Report  
Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024

Fund Name	Fund #	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 YTD	Obligated	Available
General	100	6,840,057	7,504,233	8,978,388	6,827,642	2,150,747
Utility Operations	200	1,129,109	652,486	1,106,412	775,999	330,413
Utility Capital Projects	215	(2,032,582)	(1,781,020)	(1,633,863)		(1,633,863)
Utility Reserves	256	3,533,412	4,146,188	3,035,327	1,675,800	1,359,527
HAWSP Debt Service	205	5,187,968	6,777,140	7,735,308	802,702	6,932,606
HART Roads	160	6,564,392	5,225,677	6,678,668	4,278,979	2,399,689
CARES	119	405	(4,579)	(3,876)		(3,876)
Police Station Debt Service	154	1,213,963	1,651,130	2,231,514		2,231,514
HART Assessments	155	1,047,210	1,131,469	1,176,849		1,176,849
Non-Capital Projects	157	54,925	29,146	11,327		11,327
Retainage Reimbursements	159	-	(1,453)	(3,615)		(3,615)
Seawall Assessments	173	(297,600)	294,559	303,799		303,799
PERS Funding	615	29,553	38,743	298,425		298,425
Fire Department Donations	802	31,346	41,237	37,424		37,424
Library Donations	803	174,949	180,407	186,701		186,701
Animal Shelter Donations	804	335	335	335		335
Community Schools	805	270	269	269		269
Sustainability	807	15,638	16,155	16,787		16,787
Ocean Dr Loop Assessments	808	40,462	43,733	46,409		46,409
Land Reserves	150	1,041,264	971,500	386,415	25,436	360,979
Capital Projects	151	(197,554)	(226,543)	(343,744)		(343,744)
GF Fleet CARMA	152	2,635,202	1,303,770	732,651	395,441	337,210
GF CARMA	156	2,493,783	2,163,682	1,934,448	1,120,145	814,303
HART Trails	165	878,403	1,043,119	1,148,940	382,823	766,117
Gas Line	175	311,216	874,747	951,768		951,768
Energy Revolving Loan	620	386,043	398,909	398,909		398,909
<b>Total By Fund - Governmental</b>		<b>\$ 31,082,169</b>	<b>\$ 32,475,039</b>	<b>\$ 35,411,978</b>	<b>\$ 16,284,967</b>	<b>\$ 19,127,012</b>
Port & Harbor Operations*	400	250,125	1,560,379	3,456,769	35,319	3,421,450
Port Capital Projects	415	273,207	831,878	762,199		762,199
Port Fleet Reserves	452	154,394	169,514	109,917	59,400	50,517
Port Reserves	456	3,701,392	3,413,533	3,405,196	1,107,852	2,297,344
Port Bonds	457	(2,299,921)	(2,300,000)	(2,319,852)		(2,319,852)
Cruise Ship Landing Tax	460	32,707	(35,445)	(35,093)		(35,093)
<b>Total By Fund - Enterprise</b>		<b>\$ 2,111,904</b>	<b>\$ 3,639,859</b>	<b>\$ 5,379,136</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,571</b>	<b>\$ 4,176,565</b>
Health Insurance	600	(76,668)	36,913	212,380		212,380
Leave Cash Out	610	(90,976)	(85,669)	(286,398)		(286,398)
<b>Total By Fund - Internal Service</b>		<b>\$ (167,644)</b>	<b>\$ (48,756)</b>	<b>\$ (74,018)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (74,018)</b>
<b>Total By Fund - All Combined</b>		<b>\$ 33,026,429</b>	<b>\$ 36,066,142</b>	<b>\$ 40,717,096</b>	<b>\$ 17,487,538</b>	<b>\$ 23,229,558</b>

\*Determined by formula: Current Assets - Current Liabilities

Fund Balance is the accumulation of operating surpluses/deficits (revenues - expenditures) since the fund's existence.

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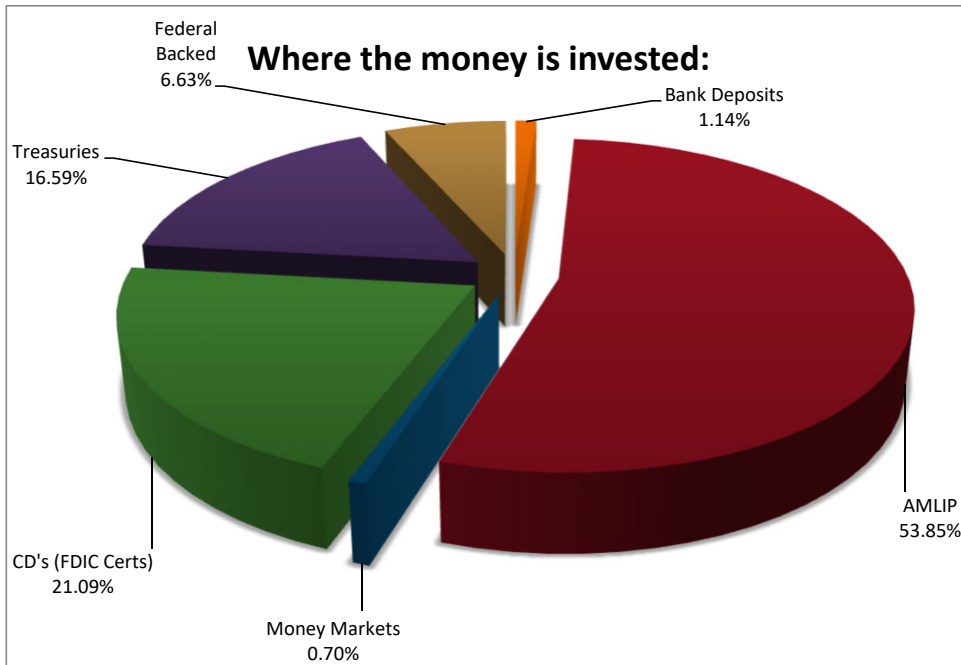
## Treasurer's Report

As of:

March 31, 2024

INVESTMENT BY INSTITUTION:	\$ Invested	% Of \$ Invested
Bank Deposits	\$ 435,622	1%
AMLIP	\$ 20,561,907	54%
TVI	\$ 17,186,191	45%
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$ 38,183,720</b>	<b>100%</b>

MATURITY OF INVESTMENTS:		AMOUNT	% Of Investment by Maturity Date
1 to 30 Days	4/30/2024	\$ 21,264,054	56%
30 to 120 Days	7/29/2024	\$ 1,139,234	3%
120 to 180 Days	9/27/2024	\$ 179,259	0%
180 to 365 Days	3/31/2025	\$ 4,268,454	11%
Over 1 Year		\$ 11,332,718	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 38,183,720</b>	<b>100%</b>



These investments are made in accordance with the City of Homer's investment policy pursuant to Ordinance 93-14, Chapter 3.10. The balances reported are unaudited.

Central Treasury Report  
Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024

	<b>FY22 Actual</b>	<b>FY23 Actual</b>	<b>FY24 YTD</b>
Bank Deposits	1,976,737	1,093,117	435,622
Investments	29,604,318	32,687,196	37,748,098
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$ 31,581,055</b>	<b>\$ 33,780,313</b>	<b>\$ 38,183,720</b>
Cash and Investments	31,263,075	33,462,332	37,865,739
Restricted Cash and Investments	317,980	317,980	317,980
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$ 31,581,055</b>	<b>\$ 33,780,313</b>	<b>\$ 38,183,720</b>

**By Fund:**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Number</b>			
General	100	4,269,337	5,859,480	7,329,400
Utility Operations	200	526,079	(59,796)	340,940
Utility Capital Projects	215	(2,100,339)	(2,617,315)	(2,815,830)
Utility Reserves	256	3,831,134	4,163,087	3,128,101
HAWSP Debt Service	205	4,640,246	6,192,713	7,150,880
HART Roads	160	6,159,364	4,745,984	6,152,683
CARES	119	61,513	3,690	(3,876)
Police Station Debt Service	154	994,874	1,417,359	1,685,743
HART Assessments	155	1,047,210	1,131,469	1,199,425
Non-Capital Projects	157	64,613	37,800	27,312
Retainage Reimbursements	159	139,097	228,032	206,879
Seawall Assessments	173	-	294,559	303,799
PERS Funding	615	29,553	38,743	298,425
Fire Department Donations	802	53,351	41,237	37,424
Library Donations	803	164,949	170,407	176,701
Animal Shelter Donations	804	335	335	335
Community Schools	805	270	269	269
Sustainability	807	15,638	16,155	16,787
Ocean Dr Loop Assessments	808	40,462	43,733	46,409
Land Reserves	150	1,041,264	971,753	386,415
Capital Projects	151	102,793	(135,992)	(130,239)
GF Fleet CARMA	152	1,928,596	1,303,770	732,651
GF CARMA	156	2,527,555	2,200,440	1,942,555
HART Trails	165	826,494	984,676	1,090,498
Gas Line	175	300,635	874,747	1,046,131
Energy Revolving Loan	620	386,043	398,909	398,909
Port & Harbor Operations	400	394,717	1,761,494	3,371,435
Port Capital Projects	415	276,957	231,488	762,199
Port Fleet Reserves	452	154,394	169,514	109,917
Port Reserves	456	3,723,842	3,481,063	3,407,508
Port Bonds	457	(19,921)	(60,000)	(119,852)
Cruise Ship Landing Tax	460	-	(73,628)	(35,093)
Health Insurance	600	-	49,532	224,999
Leave Cash Out	610	-	(85,394)	(286,123)
<b>Total By Fund</b>		<b>\$ 31,581,055</b>	<b>\$ 33,780,313</b>	<b>\$ 38,183,720</b>

General Fund  
Expenditure Report  
Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024  
75% Fiscal Year Elapsed

**Current Fiscal Analysis**

	FY24		FY24		
	AMENDED		ACTUAL		
	BUDGET		\$	%	
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$	4,115,085	\$	4,488,322	109%
Sales and Use Taxes		8,939,282		6,761,744	76%
Permits and Licenses		43,797		34,411	79%
Fines and Forfeitures		10,303		2,814	27%
Use of Money		0		258,222	
Intergovernmental		746,338		590,306	79%
Charges for Services		396,890		410,158	103%
Other Revenues		-		83,212	
Airport		198,448		167,114	84%
Operating Transfers		1,800,015		-	0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,250,157</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,796,302</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>					
Administration	\$	2,312,286	\$	1,494,181	65%
Clerks/Council		932,785		657,161	70%
Planning		392,673		203,590	52%
Library		1,084,122		782,872	72%
Finance		904,572		549,139	61%
Fire		1,887,213		1,236,249	66%
Police		4,288,762		3,290,790	77%
Public Works		3,515,361		2,318,954	66%
Airport		229,618		188,156	82%
City Hall, HERC		179,040		144,996	81%
Non-Departmental		189,000		189,000	100%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$	15,915,432	\$	11,055,089	69%
Transfer to Other Funds					
Leave Cash Out	\$	221,360	\$	-	0%
Other		103,366		-	0%
Total Transfer to Other Funds	\$	324,725	\$	-	0%
Transfer to CARMA					
General Fund Fleet CARMA	\$	-	\$	-	0%
General Fund CARMA		-		-	0%
Seawall CARMA		10,000		-	0%
Total Transfer to CARMA Funds	\$	10,000	\$	-	0%
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,250,157</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,055,089</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,741,213</b>	

Water and Sewer Fund  
Expenditure Report  
Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024  
75% Fiscal Year Elapsed

**Current Fiscal Analysis**

	FY24		FY24	
	ADOPTED BUDGET		ACTUAL	
			\$	%
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Water Fund	\$ 2,370,466	\$ 1,701,513		72%
Sewer Fund	1,949,850	1,363,849		70%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,316</b>	<b>\$ 3,065,362</b>		<b>71%</b>
<b><u>Expenditures &amp; Transfers</u></b>				
<b><u>Water</u></b>				
Administration	\$ 310,092	\$ 224,090		72%
Treatment Plant	685,152	544,301		79%
System Testing	33,000	26,979		82%
Pump Stations	115,707	74,018		64%
Distribution System	373,035	308,111		83%
Reservoir	19,025	12,663		67%
Meters	285,597	42,850		15%
Hydrants	214,533	155,388		72%
<b><u>Sewer</u></b>				
Administration	\$ 304,197	\$ 227,807		75%
Plant Operations	836,596	613,840		73%
System Testing	18,000	7,235		40%
Lift Stations	216,352	146,750		68%
Collection System	307,177	189,773		62%
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,718,464</b>	<b>\$ 2,573,807</b>		<b>69%</b>
<b>Transfer to Other Funds</b>				
Leave Cash Out	\$ 15,769	\$ -		0%
GF Admin Fees	-	-		0%
Other	22,945	-		0%
<b>Total Transfer to Other Funds</b>	<b>\$ 38,714</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>0%</b>
<b>Transfers to CARMA</b>				
Water	\$ 309,001	\$ -		0%
Sewer	254,138	-		0%
<b>Total Transfer to CARMA Funds</b>	<b>\$ 563,138</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,316</b>	<b>\$ 2,573,807</b>		<b>60%</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 491,555</b>		



Port and Harbor Fund  
Expenditure Report  
Actuals through Quarter Ending March 2024  
75% Fiscal Year Elapsed

**Current Fiscal Analysis**

	FY24	FY24	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	
		\$	%
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Administration	\$ 622,910	\$ 643,063	103%
Harbor	3,961,361	3,541,749	89%
Pioneer Dock	307,804	206,323	67%
Fish Dock	578,477	470,747	81%
Deep Water Dock	182,426	94,993	52%
Outfall Line	4,800	4,800	100%
Fish Grinder	7,390	10,393	141%
Load and Launch Ramp	130,000	65,131	50%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,795,168</b>	<b>\$ 5,037,199</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b><u>Expenditures &amp; Transfers</u></b>			
Administration	\$ 1,148,734	\$ 840,071	73%
Harbor	1,611,779	1,035,697	64%
Pioneer Dock	86,646	62,423	72%
Fish Dock	748,267	446,772	60%
Deep Water Dock	105,007	61,631	59%
Outfall Line	13,500	(1,455)	-11%
Fish Grinder	27,682	30,930	112%
Harbor Maintenance	533,783	380,743	71%
Main Dock Maintenance	51,393	34,480	67%
Deep Water Dock Maintenance	61,893	37,660	61%
Load and Launch Ramp	138,936	80,253	58%
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,527,622</b>	<b>\$ 3,009,204</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Transfer to Other Funds</b>			
Leave Cash Out	\$ 73,867	\$ -	0%
GF Admin Fees	-	-	0%
Debt Service	0	-	0%
Other	375,092	-	0%
<b>Total Transfer to Other Funds</b>	<b>\$ 448,959</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Transfers to Reserves</b>			
Harbor	\$ 818,588	\$ -	0%
Load and Launch Ramp	-	-	0%
<b>Total Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 818,588</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 5,795,168</b>	<b>\$ 3,009,204</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,995</b>	

FUND 100 - GENERAL FUND						
REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE						
A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
<b>0005</b>	<b>PROPERTY TAXES:</b>					
4101	Real Prop Tax	3,496,052	3,703,173	4,169,428	110.4%	3,777,205
4102	Per Prop Tax	242,101	231,901	245,955	107.2%	229,406
4103	Motr Vehicle Tx	47,004	39,248	31,777	69.5%	45,721
4104	Prior Years Taxes	40,807	55,894	13,672	27.5%	49,662
4105	Pen/Int Prop Tx	11,069	42,898	27,490	387.7%	7,091
4107	Oil Tax	-	4,173	-	0.0%	6,000
	<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>3,837,033</b>	<b>4,077,288</b>	<b>4,488,322</b>	<b>109.1%</b>	<b>4,115,085</b>
<b>0010</b>	<b>SALES &amp; USE TAXES:</b>					
4201	Sales Tax	7,348,772	7,828,044	6,426,470	76.0%	8,451,088
4206	Remote Sales Tax	358,088	505,089	307,769	70.8%	435,000
4202	Cooperative Tax	23,877	24,752	24,504	101.4%	24,161
4203	Liquor License	21,550	-	-	0.0%	25,033
4205	Sales Tax Comm	5,000	3,000	3,000	75.0%	4,000
	<b>Total Sales and Use Taxes</b>	<b>7,757,288</b>	<b>8,360,886</b>	<b>6,761,744</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>8,939,282</b>
<b>0015</b>	<b>PERMITS &amp; LICENSES:</b>					
4301	Driveway Permit	2,475	2,436	1,325	60.1%	2,204
4302	Sign Permits	150	450	250	166.7%	150
4303	Building Permit	20,945	24,650	13,301	84.4%	15,767
4304	Peddler Permits	2,384	700	590	19.2%	3,067
4308	Zoning Fees	8,050	10,000	13,350	91.7%	14,558
4309	Row Permit	2,730	3,233	1,710	54.5%	3,135
4310	Marijuana Licenses	1,200	-	2,400	180.0%	1,333
4314	Taxi/chauffeurs/safety Inspec	2,660	1,505	1,485	41.5%	3,583
	<b>Total Permits and Licenses</b>	<b>40,594</b>	<b>42,973</b>	<b>34,411</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>43,797</b>
<b>0020</b>	<b>FINES &amp; FORFEITURES:</b>					
4401	Fines/Forfeit	3,521	3,118	2,814	27.3%	10,303
4402	Non Moving Fine	17,725	10,278	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Fines and Forfeitures</b>	<b>21,246</b>	<b>13,396</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>10,303</b>
<b>0025</b>	<b>USE OF MONEY:</b>					
4801	Interest Income	(196,256)	118,721	258,222	0.0%	-
4802	Penalty/Interest	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Use of Money</b>	<b>(196,256)</b>	<b>118,721</b>	<b>258,222</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>0030</b>	<b>REVENUES-OTHER AGENCIES:</b>					
4503	Prisoner Care	440,066	509,922	464,954	75.0%	619,938
4504	Borough 911	52,800	162,817	52,800	100.0%	52,800
4505	Police Sp Serv	45,000	39,600	28,500	72.0%	39,600
4510	Library E-Rate Discount	18,212	19,908	10,052	0.0%	-
4511	Pioneer Av Maint	34,000	34,000	34,000	100.0%	34,000
4527	PERS Revenue	437,745	167,686	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	<b>1,027,823</b>	<b>933,932</b>	<b>590,306</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>746,338</b>
<b>0035</b>	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</b>					
4311	Library Cards	-	11	3	0.0%	-
4315	Project Administration Fee	1,298	1,380	-	0.0%	-
4316	Lid Application Fee	100	100	100	0.0%	-
4317	Lid Yearly Bill	16,477	13,567	5,523	25.2%	21,896
4516	Pw Equip & Serv	-	955	-	0.0%	-
4599	Pioneer Beautification	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4601	Ambulance Fees	357,367	283,609	220,408	117.8%	187,094
4602	Fire Contr Kesa	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4603	Fire Contract - Kachemak City	103,028	112,513	126,656	112.6%	112,513
4604	HVF Class Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4607	Other Services	12,376	12,652	11,529	46.7%	24,671

FUND 100 - GENERAL FUND						
REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE						
A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
	Camping	150,219	136,533	(3,004)	0.0%	-
4609	Animal Care Fee	16,862	7,650	-	0.0%	-
4610	Plans & Specs	5	3	-	0.0%	-
4611	City Clerk Fees	3,001	4,313	736	31.8%	2,315
4612	Publication Fee	-	100	-	0.0%	-
4613	Cemetery Plots	15,200	13,600	5,200	84.8%	6,133
4614	Community Recreation Fees	12,895	38,821	41,713	130.6%	31,942
4650	Rents & Leases	205	3,661	150	1.7%	8,601
4655	Pavillion Rental	2,400	2,425	1,144	66.3%	1,725
4660	Advertising - Community School	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4907	Old School Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>691,433</b>	<b>631,893</b>	<b>410,158</b>	<b>103.3%</b>	<b>396,890</b>
<b>0040</b>	<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>					
4901	Surplus Prop	3,740	67,613	-	0.0%	-
4902	Other Revenue	119,446	41,365	83,212	0.0%	-
4905	Donations/Gifts	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4512	REIMBURSEMENTS	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4906	Proc Law Suits	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>123,185</b>	<b>108,979</b>	<b>83,212</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>0045</b>	<b>AIRPORT TERMINAL REVENUES:</b>					
4655	Airline Leases	128,145	152,817	118,171	94.1%	125,605
4656	Concessions	894	1,428	1,071	7.6%	14,076
4657	Car Rental	52,584	46,274	29,448	79.6%	36,981
4658	Parking Fees	34,071	31,164	18,425	84.6%	21,787
4660	Advertising	5,467	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Airport</b>	<b>221,161</b>	<b>231,684</b>	<b>167,114</b>	<b>84.2%</b>	<b>198,448</b>
	<b>Total Before Operating Transfers</b>	<b>13,523,507</b>	<b>14,519,751</b>	<b>12,796,302</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>14,450,142</b>
<b>0099</b>	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS:</b>					
4981	G/F Admin Water	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4982	G/F Admin Sewer	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4983	G/F Admin P & H	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4984	G/F ADMIN HART	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4985	G/F Admin Hawsp	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4987	G/F ADMIN HART -TRAILS	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4990	HART Transfer - Road/Trail Mtnc	846,091	907,807	-	0.0%	1,275,378
4992	Other Transfer	10,000	95,754	-	0.0%	10,000
4990	Draw on Fund Balance - Fire Positions	-	-	-	0.0%	226,319
4990	Draw on Fund Balance - Finance Position*	-	-	-	0.0%	148,915
4990	Draw on Fund Balance - Balance Budget	-	-	-	0.0%	68,377
4990	Draw on Fund Balance - Budget Amendments	-	-	-	0.0%	71,027
	<b>Total Operating Transfers</b>	<b>856,091</b>	<b>1,003,561</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,800,015</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,379,599</b>	<b>15,523,312</b>	<b>12,796,302</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>16,250,157</b>
	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>630,501</b>	<b>764,589</b>	<b>1,741,213</b>		<b>0</b>

\*Finance Position to remain vacant in FY24 and draw will not take place unless position is occupied

FUND	100 - GENERAL FUND					
TOTAL	COMBINED EXPENDITURES					
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
	<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>					
5101	Salary and Wages	4,929,941	5,635,291	4,391,228	70.8%	6,200,982
5102	Fringe Benefits	3,064,200	3,474,178	2,623,340	75.9%	3,456,828
5103	Part-time Wages	319,196	373,515	212,615	43.1%	493,741
5104	Part-time Benefits	90,106	100,993	125,287	68.5%	182,962
5105	Overtime	576,161	627,508	465,865	115.8%	402,326
5107	Part-time Overtime	13,658	13,571	4,780	26.3%	18,151
5108	Unemployment Benefits	8,377	2,928	1,676	0.0%	-
5112	PERS Relief	437,745	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>9,439,384</b>	<b>10,227,985</b>	<b>7,824,792</b>	<b>72.8%</b>	<b>10,754,990</b>
	<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>					
5201	Office Supplies	33,489	43,718	28,214	47.9%	58,950
5202	Operating Supplies	202,331	284,819	198,000	52.9%	374,570
5203	Fuel and Lube	271,689	325,308	234,635	93.0%	252,300
5204	Chemicals	153,864	190,447	-	0.0%	222,600
5205	Ammunition	18,116	14,574	14,379	71.9%	20,000
5206	Food and Staples	40,484	36,721	31,124	63.0%	49,400
5207	Vehicle and Boat Maintenance	260,234	227,479	152,360	51.6%	295,000
5208	Equipment Maintenance	29,309	15,547	26,192	51.2%	51,125
5209	Building & Grounds Maintenance	75,949	76,739	45,176	44.0%	102,757
5210	Professional Services	651,473	794,420	532,242	54.0%	985,050
5211	Audit Services	95,479	33,885	55,282	51.3%	107,856
5213	Survey and Appraisal	(2)	20	4,350	33.5%	13,000
5214	Rents & Leases	129,870	94,413	108,086	55.4%	195,223
5215	Communications	235,079	231,461	185,306	94.0%	197,190
5216	Freight and Postage	21,764	21,642	25,542	172.6%	14,800
5217	Electricity	256,174	266,959	205,819	73.0%	281,792
5218	Water	19,790	18,244	15,878	72.9%	21,769
5219	Sewer	27,280	24,244	21,468	71.5%	30,008
5220	Refuse and Disposal	7,951	7,391	4,711	45.7%	10,300
5221	Property Insurance	38,337	55,522	72,338	118.4%	61,074
5222	Auto Insurance	41,241	43,673	49,583	107.5%	46,124
5223	Liability Insurance	100,044	117,923	128,192	105.0%	122,047
5224	Fidelity Bond	450	450	450	100.0%	450
5227	Advertising	28,640	26,152	16,921	38.5%	43,900
5228	Books	47,923	44,799	28,226	61.7%	45,750
5229	Periodicals	10,286	10,812	1,335	10.6%	12,550
5230	Audio Visual	17,885	14,734	11,275	68.3%	16,500
5231	Tools and Equipment	112,646	111,632	68,402	48.9%	139,945
5233	Computer Related Items	59,786	49,863	45,104	68.1%	66,200
5234	Record and Permits	460	798	528	52.8%	1,000
5235	Membership Dues	19,978	19,318	14,277	50.1%	28,470
5236	Transportation	38,002	48,328	5,799	0.0%	-
5237	Subsistence	20,896	31,047	4,103	0.0%	-
5238	Printing and Binding	3,138	3,213	4,272	31.5%	13,550
5242	Janitorial	2	-	-	0.0%	1,000
5244	Snow Removal	55,725	72,765	49,773	167.6%	29,700
5248	Lobbying	21,000	23,411	14,505	27.9%	52,000

FUND 100 - GENERAL FUND						
TOTAL COMBINED EXPENDITURES						
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
5251	Pioneer Beautification	1,613	1,571	-	0.0%	1,500
5252	Credit Card Expenses	2,140	7,410	2,061	87.7%	2,350
5280	Volunteer Incentives	23,918	32,970	23,765	60.9%	39,000
5282	City Hall Building Maintenance	34,001	10,524	8,775	87.7%	10,000
5283	Library Building Maintenance	3,081	22,865	19,823	79.3%	25,000
5284	Police Building Maintenance	10,514	8,422	2,921	27.8%	10,500
5285	Fire Building Maintenance	4,876	6,215	5,555	111.1%	5,000
5286	Old School Building Maintenance	89	754	-	0.0%	-
5287	Animal Control Building Maintenance	2,349	870	5,154	206.2%	2,500
5288	Old Police Building Maintenance	3,630	545	-	0.0%	-
5292	City Hall Motor Pool	150	328	8	1.1%	700
5293	Police Motor Pool	20,701	18,327	13,066	65.3%	20,000
5294	Fire Motor Pool	14,171	12,069	7,629	42.4%	18,000
5601	Uniform	40,422	38,375	27,457	40.4%	67,900
5602	Safety Equipment	29,619	25,340	27,711	73.0%	37,950
5603	Employee Training	98,952	110,778	146,620	45.7%	320,750
5604	Public Education	2,087	824	1,292	47.0%	2,750
5605	Sister Cities	-	-	-	0.0%	4,000
5611	ADA Compliance	39	-	-	0.0%	250
5614	Car Allowance	7,928	9,839	16,592	168.6%	9,842
5624	Legal Services	402,087	254,699	198,877	99.4%	200,000
5625	Impound Costs	2,735	4,202	(385)	-6.4%	6,000
5626	Jail Laundry Services	733	-	-	0.0%	-
5627	IT Security	-	-	35,519	44.4%	80,000
5630	Haven House	14,000	14,000	14,000	100.0%	14,000
5632	Wellness Program	27,843	23,875	16,465	61.0%	27,000
5633	Phones	3,230	-	212	2.1%	10,000
5634	Networking	1,956	5,055	4,980	76.6%	6,500
5635	Software	34,892	54,256	48,166	69.3%	69,500
5636	Servers	-	10,129	13,974	93.2%	15,000
5639	Subscription Databases	-	-	7,215	72.2%	10,000
5801	Pratt Museum	69,000	69,000	79,000	100.0%	79,000
5804	Homer Chamber of Commerce	-	-	75,000	100.0%	75,000
5815	Parks & Recreation Board	325	189	-	0.0%	1,500
5830	Homer Foundation	25,000	25,000	25,000	100.0%	25,000
	<b>Total Maintenance and Operations</b>	<b>4,028,845</b>	<b>4,150,903</b>	<b>3,230,297</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>5,160,442</b>
	<b>Transfers</b>					
5106	Leave Cash Out	136,126	122,629	-	0.0%	221,360
5990	Transfers To	144,742	257,206	-	0.0%	113,366
	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>280,868</b>	<b>379,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>334,725</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,749,097</b>	<b>14,758,723</b>	<b>11,055,089</b>	<b>68.0%</b>	<b>16,250,157</b>

FUND 200 - UTILITY FUND						
REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE						
A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
Water Revenue						
Operating Revenue:						
	Metered Sales	1,845,903	1,915,984	1,642,336	74.3%	2,211,899
4661	Connection Fees	19,973	16,382	10,170	59.1%	17,211
4662	Services & Meters	81,955	33,625	27,016	84.9%	31,829
4663	In Lieu of City Sales Tax	424	459	301	0.0%	-
Total Operating Revenue		1,948,255	1,966,450	1,679,823	74.3%	2,260,940
Non- Operating Revenue						
4801	Interest on Investments	(24,136)	(1,235)	16,118	0.0%	-
4802	Penalty & Interest (Utilities)	6,527	6,061	5,572	110.0%	5,065
4527	PERS Revenue	47,429	17,448	-	0.0%	-
4990	Transfer from Fund Balance	-	-	-	0.0%	1,461
4992	Transfer from GF	91,418	91,734	-	0.0%	103,000
Total Non-Operating Revenue		121,238	114,009	21,690	19.8%	109,526
Total Water Revenue		2,069,492	2,080,459	1,701,513	71.8%	2,370,466
Sewer Revenue						
Operating Revenue						
	Metered Sales	1,761,570	1,829,631	1,348,309	70.3%	1,917,298
4619	Inspection Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4662	Services & Meters	42,390	123,763	8,400	32.9%	25,515
4701	RV Dump Station	1,264	10,505	7,140	128.1%	5,575
Total Operating Revenue		1,805,224	1,963,899	1,363,849	70.0%	1,948,388
Non- Operating Revenue						
4527	PERS Revenue	38,858	14,139	-	0.0%	-
4990	Transfer from Fund Balance	-	-	-	0.0%	1,462
Total Non-Operating Revenue		38,858	14,139	0	0.0%	1,462
Total Sewer Revenue		1,844,082	1,978,038	1,363,849	69.9%	1,949,850
Total Operating Revenue		3,753,479	3,930,349	3,043,672	72.3%	4,209,328
Total Non-Operating Revenue		160,095	128,147	21,690	19.5%	110,988
Total Water & Sewer Revenues		3,913,574	4,058,497	3,065,362	71.0%	4,320,316
Net Surplus (Deficit)		150,093	412,540	491,555		0

FUND 200 - UTILITY FUND						
WATER COMBINED EXPENDITURES						
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>						
5101	Salary and Wages	551,756	606,673	522,025	76.7%	680,689
5102	Fringe Benefits	347,235	389,265	328,615	78.3%	419,541
5103	Part-time Wages	1,118	19,303	-	0.0%	4,296
5104	Part-time Benefits	124	2,079	-	0.0%	489
5105	Overtime	35,815	30,312	32,802	75.3%	43,573
5107	Part-time Overtime	15	-	-	0.0%	-
5108	Unemployment Benefits	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5112	PERS Relief	47,429	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>983,493</b>	<b>1,047,632</b>	<b>883,442</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>1,148,588</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>						
5201	Office Supplies	1,120	907	583	33.3%	1,750
5202	Operating Supplies	121,396	32,346	17,025	8.0%	212,850
5203	Fuel and Lube	29,508	36,173	29,428	96.2%	30,600
5204	Chemicals	136,230	165,691	130,993	87.3%	150,000
5207	Vehicle and Boat Maintenance	39	556	251	50.2%	500
5208	Equipment Maintenance	43,960	33,201	35,848	80.5%	44,550
5209	Building & Grounds Maintenance	6,026	7,786	4,390	57.0%	7,700
5210	Professional Services	64,750	54,650	26,168	40.0%	65,500
5211	Audit Services	18,755	6,656	10,859	53.7%	20,223
5213	Survey and Appraisal	1,150	1,200	1,200	100.0%	1,200
5215	Communications	15,835	16,657	15,919	176.9%	9,000
5216	Freight and Postage	428	450	187	2.9%	6,500
5217	Electricity	206,025	224,992	165,246	72.9%	226,628
5221	Property Insurance	8,276	11,263	13,386	108.0%	12,389
5222	Auto Insurance	11,343	12,898	13,820	97.4%	14,187
5223	Liability Insurance	3,282	2,649	4,853	166.6%	2,913
5226	Testing and Analysis	17,319	15,580	16,375	96.3%	17,000
5227	Advertising	1,143	1,505	-	0.0%	1,000
5231	Tools and Equipment	3,737	7,588	1,791	19.1%	9,400
5233	Computer Related Items	235	678	410	54.7%	750
5234	Record and Permits	150	200	-	0.0%	250
5235	Membership Dues	1,601	976	-	0.0%	1,000
5236	Transportation	585	680	-	0.0%	-
5237	Subsistence	846	945	-	0.0%	-
5252	Credit Card Expenses	16,373	17,436	10,205	40.8%	25,000
5602	Safety Equipment	2,395	2,702	184	12.2%	1,512
5603	Employee Training	3,455	4,637	3,279	24.9%	13,150
5606	Bad Debt Expenses	7,700	8,821	1,308	10.9%	12,000
5608	Debt Repayment - Interest	1,729	1,639	1,252	0.0%	-
<b>Total Maintenance and Operations</b>		<b>725,389</b>	<b>671,462</b>	<b>504,960</b>	<b>56.9%</b>	<b>887,553</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
5106	Leave Cash Out	57,790	64,979	-	0.0%	7,414
5241	GF Admin Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5990	Transfers To	265,500	124,780	-	0.0%	326,911
<b>Total Transfers</b>		<b>323,290</b>	<b>189,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>334,325</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,032,172</b>	<b>1,908,853</b>	<b>1,388,402</b>	<b>58.6%</b>	<b>2,370,466</b>



FUND	200 - UTILITY FUND					
SEWER	COMBINED EXPENDITURES					
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>						
5101	Salary and Wages	467,177	507,105	436,698	76.5%	571,140
5102	Fringe Benefits	295,421	317,184	269,992	78.0%	346,144
5103	Part-time Wages	2,367	5,902	1,560	9.7%	16,095
5104	Part-time Benefits	252	650	166	9.2%	1,806
5105	Overtime	22,044	19,675	23,347	97.2%	24,020
5107	Part-time Overtime	15	-	-	0.0%	-
5108	Unemployment Benefits	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5112	PERS Relief	38,858	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>826,134</b>	<b>850,516</b>	<b>731,765</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>959,205</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>						
5201	Office Supplies	396	731	2,083	189.4%	1,100
5202	Operating Supplies	35,721	29,161	20,727	35.2%	58,800
5203	Fuel and Lube	25,897	21,275	15,490	51.6%	30,000
5204	Chemicals	63,027	77,446	65,925	99.9%	66,000
5207	Vehicle and Boat Maintenance	207	246	217	86.7%	250
5208	Equipment Maintenance	44,215	35,685	15,373	38.4%	40,000
5209	Building & Grounds Maintenance	2,824	1,345	275	7.2%	3,800
5210	Professional Services	49,302	82,810	43,195	56.1%	77,000
5211	Audit Services	18,755	6,656	10,859	53.7%	20,223
5214	Rents & Leases	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5215	Communications	7,222	6,527	7,560	137.4%	5,500
5216	Freight and Postage	-	-	541	8.3%	6,500
5217	Electricity	284,705	289,421	194,835	62.2%	313,176
5218	Water	669	662	603	82.0%	736
5219	Sewer	669	692	627	85.2%	736
5221	Property Insurance	10,822	16,942	22,701	121.8%	18,636
5222	Auto Insurance	11,343	12,898	13,820	97.4%	14,187
5223	Liability Insurance	2,530	2,112	4,014	172.8%	2,324
5226	Testing and Analysis	3,305	7,352	2,952	45.4%	6,500
5227	Advertising	-	-	-	0.0%	1,250
5231	Tools and Equipment	1,797	3,418	2,724	56.7%	4,800
5233	Computer Related Items	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5234	Record and Permits	7,960	7,920	7,941	88.2%	9,000
5235	Membership Dues	-	1,165	-	0.0%	700
5236	Transportation	293	1,007	-	0.0%	-
5237	Subsistence	176	483	-	0.0%	-
5252	Credit Card Expenses	16,374	17,436	10,204	51.0%	20,000
5601	Uniform	199	300	400	114.2%	350
5602	Safety Equipment	2,934	2,956	626	23.6%	2,650
5603	Employee Training	5,839	6,945	9,950	60.7%	16,400
5606	Bad Debt Expenses	(8,796)	(518)	-	0.0%	2,500
<b>Total Maintenance and Operations</b>		<b>588,383</b>	<b>633,073</b>	<b>453,641</b>	<b>62.7%</b>	<b>723,118</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
5106	Leave Cash Out	14,236	14,263	-	0.0%	8,355
5241	GF Admin Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5990	Transfers To	302,557	239,253	-	0.0%	259,173
<b>Total Transfers</b>		<b>316,792</b>	<b>253,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>267,528</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,731,309</b>	<b>1,737,104</b>	<b>1,185,406</b>	<b>60.8%</b>	<b>1,949,850</b>



FUND 400 - PORT & HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND						
REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE						
A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
<b>0600</b>	<b>HARBOR ADMINISTRATION</b>					
4515	Ferry Lease	18,000	18,000	18,000	100.0%	18,000
4650	Rents & Leases	397,151	503,987	402,521	80.5%	500,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - Admin</b>	<b>415,151</b>	<b>521,987</b>	<b>420,521</b>	<b>81.2%</b>	<b>518,000</b>
4527	PERS Revenue	92,383	32,821	-	0.0%	-
4634	Port Storage Fee	119,992	207,662	127,580	132.7%	96,164
4635	Port Impound Fee	204	816	997	0.0%	-
4705	Business Licenses	10	20	15	0.0%	-
4801	Interest On Investments	(62,000)	73,468	93,950	0.0%	-
4901	Surplus Property	26,078	2,187	-	0.0%	-
4902	Other Revenue	123,189	11,189	-	0.0%	-
4990	Transfers In	-	-	-	0.0%	8,746
	<b>Non-Operating Revenue - Admin</b>	<b>299,855</b>	<b>328,162</b>	<b>222,542</b>	<b>212.1%</b>	<b>104,910</b>
<b>0601</b>	<b>HARBOR</b>					
4245	Waste Oil Disp	603	1,079	-	0.0%	-
4249	Oil Spill Recovery	(100)	-	-	0.0%	-
4318	Parking Revenue	180,789	158,725	107,128	47.6%	225,000
4319	Electrical Supplies	2,275	1,449	798	33.2%	2,403
4402	Non Moving Fine	-	100	9,828	122.8%	8,000
4624	Berth Transient Monthly	649,848	716,742	487,884	69.9%	698,295
4625	Berth Reserved	1,533,906	1,628,043	1,823,575	102.9%	1,771,547
4626	Berth Transient Annual	315,591	325,749	301,324	93.4%	322,486
4627	Berth Transient Semi Annual	130,453	132,878	80,247	53.0%	151,515
4628	Berth Transient Daily	152,145	159,413	103,466	69.1%	149,805
4629	Metered Energy	186,689	140,575	110,775	119.5%	92,677
4644	Pumping	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4645	Wooden Grid	5,006	4,089	1,894	33.3%	5,697
4646	Commerical Ramp	54,913	49,562	39,648	72.1%	55,000
4647	Berth Wait List	15,211	15,082	8,152	65.8%	12,394
4648	Steel Grid Fees	7,900	6,969	2,605	32.6%	8,000
4654	Spit Camping	-	35,018	148,076	134.6%	110,000
4663	Trans Energy 110v	47,616	34,863	31,014	72.6%	42,746
4664	Trans Energy 220v	16,186	20,569	19,379	67.4%	28,744
4665	Trans Energy 208v	205,197	204,723	149,997	94.2%	159,228
4666	Commerical Ramp Wharfage	38,422	41,055	53,711	134.3%	40,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - Harbor</b>	<b>3,542,651</b>	<b>3,676,683</b>	<b>3,479,501</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>3,883,536</b>
4802	Penalty/Int	6,101	7,797	11,198	172.3%	6,500
4902	Other Revenue	68,633	66,923	51,050	71.6%	71,325
	<b>Non-Operating Revenue - Harbor</b>	<b>74,735</b>	<b>74,720</b>	<b>62,248</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>77,825</b>
<b>0602</b>	<b>PIONEER DOCK</b>					
4631	USCG Leases	35,067	38,976	30,334	83.1%	36,494
4637	Seafood Wharfage-PD	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4638	PD Fuel Wharfage	207,277	198,654	143,138	66.6%	214,809
4639	Pioneer Dock - Wharfage	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4641	PD Water Sales	11,338	9,291	5,349	50.9%	10,500
4642	PD Docking	41,079	39,991	27,502	59.8%	46,000

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REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE						
A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
	<b>Operating Revenue - Pioneer Dock</b>	<b>294,761</b>	<b>286,911</b>	<b>206,323</b>	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>307,804</b>
<b>0603</b>	<b>FISH DOCK</b>					
4620	Ice Sales	272,257	243,997	216,330	81.4%	265,742
4621	Cold Storage	27,398	22,319	21,590	86.4%	25,000
4622	Crane Rental	193,965	203,818	132,788	69.8%	190,306
4623	Card Access Fees	5,780	6,144	3,177	55.7%	5,700
4637	Seafood Wharfage	17,200	20,530	18,467	106.6%	17,324
4700	Other Wharfage Fish Dock	6,694	9,945	68	0.7%	9,843
	<b>Operating Revenue - Fish Dock</b>	<b>523,294</b>	<b>506,754</b>	<b>392,420</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>513,915</b>
4206	<b>Fish Tax</b>	<b>66,865</b>	<b>116,236</b>	<b>78,327</b>	<b>121.3%</b>	<b>64,562</b>
<b>0604</b>	<b>DEEP WATER DOCK</b>					
4633	Stevedoring	8,882	49,565	5,637	47.0%	12,000
4637	Seafood Wharfage	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4640	Deep Water Dock Wharfage	-	152,709	8,402	20.8%	40,426
4643	Deep Water Dock Docking	116,132	121,387	66,474	66.5%	100,000
4668	Dwd Water Sales	32,419	41,651	14,481	48.3%	30,000
4672	Port Security Revenues	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Operating Revenue - DW Dock</b>	<b>157,434</b>	<b>365,311</b>	<b>94,993</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>182,426</b>
<b>0605</b>	<b>OUTFALL LINE</b>					
4704	<b>Outfall Line</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>0606</b>	<b>FISH GRINDER</b>					
4706	<b>Fish Grinder</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>6,803</b>	<b>10,393</b>	<b>140.6%</b>	<b>7,390</b>
<b>0615</b>	<b>LOAD AND LAUNCH RAMP</b>					
4653	L & L Ramp Revenue	132,446	120,243	65,131	50.1%	130,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - L &amp; L Ramp</b>	<b>132,446</b>	<b>120,243</b>	<b>65,131</b>	<b>50.1%</b>	<b>130,000</b>
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,518,836</b>	<b>6,008,610</b>	<b>5,037,199</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>5,795,168</b>
	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>455,257</b>	<b>745,532</b>	<b>2,027,995</b>		<b>(0)</b>

FUND 400 - PORT & HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND						
COMBINED EXPENDITURES						
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
Salaries and Benefits						
5101	Salary and Wages	1,128,870	1,195,402	1,027,621	69.9%	1,470,611
5102	Fringe Benefits	634,397	742,528	710,378	77.5%	916,911
5103	Part-time Wages	107,259	164,248	80,974	52.1%	155,371
5104	Part-time Benefits	12,256	19,005	9,466	49.6%	19,086
5105	Overtime	31,929	29,403	24,892	63.1%	39,439
5107	Part-time Overtime	855	212	506	13.1%	3,879
5108	Unemployment Benefits	348	-	1,145	0.0%	-
5112	PERS Relief	92,383	-	-	0.0%	-
	Total Salaries and Benefits	2,008,297	2,150,797	1,854,984	71.2%	2,605,297
Maintenance and Operations						
5201	Office Supplies	5,322	6,257	3,403	72.4%	4,700
5202	Operating Supplies	20,623	21,809	20,219	77.8%	26,000
5203	Fuel and Lube	40,700	43,534	34,666	95.5%	36,300
5204	Chemicals	6,410	-	-	0.0%	6,000
5207	Vehicle and Boat Maintenance	21,532	18,002	21,064	84.3%	25,000
5208	Equipment Maintenance	68,340	73,212	41,668	65.1%	64,000
5209	Building & Grounds Maintenance	24,264	56,517	14,781	22.1%	67,000
5210	Professional Services	16,176	51,240	12,261	57.0%	21,500
5211	Audit Services	37,510	16,196	21,718	53.7%	40,446
5213	Survey and Appraisal	24,000	-	17,500	140.0%	12,500
5214	Rents & Leases	4,280	3,716	3,522	50.3%	7,000
5215	Communications	17,310	8,840	9,885	123.6%	8,000
5216	Freight and Postage	2,619	1,492	2,028	36.9%	5,500
5217	Electricity	664,046	649,413	347,598	47.6%	730,450
5218	Water	75,643	85,913	86,827	104.3%	83,208
5219	Sewer	13,157	11,977	9,314	64.4%	14,472
5220	Refuse and Disposal	40,694	52,883	37,301	58.9%	63,300
5221	Property Insurance	64,722	88,108	106,791	110.2%	96,919
5222	Auto Insurance	10,007	9,740	10,852	101.3%	10,714
5223	Liability Insurance	86,649	77,367	86,006	124.6%	69,016
5226	Testing and Analysis	-	-	3,280	46.9%	7,000
5227	Advertising	6,076	4,345	5,731	81.9%	7,000
5228	Books and Subscriptions	26	107	-	0.0%	-
5231	Tools and Equipment	9,471	17,252	3,676	22.0%	16,700
5233	Computer Related Items	-	2,459	-	0.0%	-
5234	Record and Permits	-	-	-	0.0%	2,000
5235	Membership Dues	6,088	7,435	4,870	69.6%	7,000
5236	Transportation	6,641	12,464	1,344	33.6%	4,000
5237	Subsistence	6,837	8,765	317	7.9%	4,000
5238	Printing and Binding	1,482	3,993	282	8.1%	3,500
5248	Lobbying	21,000	21,245	13,803	39.4%	35,000
5249	Oil Spill Response	2,833	-	-	0.0%	1,000
5250	Camera Area Network	8,748	7,094	2,423	13.5%	18,000
5252	Credit Card Expenses	104,946	100,587	112,674	108.3%	104,000
5256	Waste Oil Disposal	45,458	18,691	38,865	86.4%	45,000

FUND 400 - PORT & HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND						
COMBINED EXPENDITURES						
A/C Num.	Expenditure Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	ACTUAL		7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	\$	%	BUDGET
5258	Float and Ramp Repairs	8,545	43,986	9,778	39.1%	25,000
5287	Electrical Supplies	2,326	1,010	-	0.0%	2,100
5601	Uniform	8,785	5,986	8,500	89.5%	9,500
5602	Safety Equipment	10,601	5,880	5,624	37.5%	15,000
5603	Employee Training	7,918	5,681	26,495	68.8%	38,500
5606	Bad Debt Expenses	5,230	35,620	6,325	21.1%	30,000
5608	Debt Payment-Interest	4,665	16,800	-	0.0%	-
5624	Legal Services	-	-	4,388	4.4%	100,000
5627	Port Security	-	-	-	0.0%	2,500
5635	Software	938	134	1,090	27.2%	4,000
5637	Diving Services	4,350	16,045	-	0.0%	8,500
5638	Signage Parking Delineation	12,243	18,065	17,353	56.0%	31,000
	<b>Total Maint. and Operations</b>	<b>1,529,210</b>	<b>1,629,859</b>	<b>1,154,220</b>	<b>60.4%</b>	<b>1,912,325</b>
	<b>C/O and Transfers</b>					
5106	Leave Cash Out	66,243	62,025	-	0.0%	73,867
5241	GF Admin Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	-
5990	Transfers To	1,459,829	1,420,397	-	0.0%	1,203,680
	<b>Total Others</b>	<b>1,526,072</b>	<b>1,482,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,277,546</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,063,579</b>	<b>5,263,078</b>	<b>3,009,204</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>5,795,168</b>

**Fund 154 - Police Station DSF  
Reconciliation**

	<b>FY 22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 23 Actual</b>	<b>FY 24 YTD</b>	<b>FY 25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 26 Projection</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>832,489</b>	<b>1,213,963</b>	<b>1,651,130</b>	<b>2,150,649</b>	<b>2,682,409</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Sales Tax	776,974	832,167	662,384		
Remaining Budgeted Sales Tax			231,135	929,260	929,260
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>776,974</b>	<b>832,167</b>	<b>893,520</b>	<b>929,260</b>	<b>929,260</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Debt Payment - Principal	210,000	220,000	230,000	245,000	255,000
Debt Payment - Interest	185,500	175,000	164,000	152,500	140,250
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>395,500</b>	<b>395,000</b>	<b>394,000</b>	<b>397,500</b>	<b>395,250</b>
Change in Net Assets	381,474	437,167	499,520	531,760	534,010
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,213,963</b>	<b>1,651,130</b>	<b>2,150,649</b>	<b>2,682,409</b>	<b>3,216,419</b>
Principal Outstanding	3,500,000	3,280,000	3,050,000	2,805,000	2,550,000
Accrued Interest	1,059,250	884,250	720,250	567,750	427,500
<b>Total Needed for Prepayment (5/1/30)</b>	<b>4,559,250</b>	<b>4,164,250</b>	<b>3,770,250</b>	<b>3,372,750</b>	<b>2,977,500</b>
<b>Funding Difference</b>	<b>(3,345,287)</b>	<b>(2,513,120)</b>	<b>(1,619,601)</b>	<b>(690,341)</b>	<b>238,919</b>

Optional Prepayment: The Municipal Bond principal installments due on or after May 1, 2030 are subject to prepayment in whole or in part at the option of the Borough on any date on or after May 1, 2030, at a price of 100% of the principal amount thereof to be prepaid, plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment.



# MEMORANDUM

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## **Resolution 24-057, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer Port & Harbor Terminal Tariff No. 1 to Extend the Harbor Moorage Exemption for Work Skiffs through 2024. Lord/Port & Harbor Advisory Commission**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** May 13, 2024  
**From:** Councilmember Lord

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Thank you for considering Resolution 24-057, Amending the Homer Port & Harbor Terminal Tariff No. 1 to Extend the Harbor Moorage Exemption for Work Skiffs through 2024. Back in March, members of the commercial fishing seining fleet started to receive notice that as of February 13, 2024 work skiffs would be charged for moorage. This followed the Council's passage of the Tariff amendments, which the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission had recommended, in Ordinance 24-09. Previously, work skiffs have been exempted from paying harbor moorage. The tariff change we approved removed that exemption, and meant that all work skiffs would be treated as an independent vessel if it's in the water (vs. being carried on another vessel, see photos to the right for examples) and charged transient moorage fees. The updated tariff policy has not been implemented yet. For a point of context, in 2023 there were 1,406 nights of moorage exempted for work skiffs (data provided by Harbor staff).



At the last PHAC meeting, numerous fishermen testified about this new charge and expressed concerns with the timing and the current challenges facing the fishing industry. PHAC members discussed the issue and unanimously agreed that while they still believe the change is a good move, the implementation should be postponed to January 2025 in response to the public's concerns.

Personally, I agree with the PHAC and believe the tariff update we approved is a responsible move. As a public facility, it is important to apply our rates fairly across the board. I also agree with the PHAC that it is reasonable to delay the implementation to January 1, 2025. This and other conversations like it will continue to be on the table. Nearly every coastal municipality in the state is constantly grappling with how to cover the costs of operating and maintaining incredibly expensive maritime infrastructure in our

harbors. This APRN article from January 2024 is a great overview of the challenge we're all facing:  
[Alaska's harbors grapple with rusty piling and rising costs](#)

**Recommendation:**

Consider passing Resolution 24-057 to extend the exemption on work skiffs through December 31, 2024.

**Attachment:**

Excerpt of Commission Unapproved Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2024



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April 24, 2024  
Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

*PITZMAN/VELSKO MOVED TO MOVE DISCUSSION OF WORK SKIFF EXEMPTION TO BEGINNING OF NEW BUSINESS.*

*VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.*

*Motion carried.*

**10.A. Work Skiff Policy**

*Commissioner Pitzman shared that the tariff rewrite began in the spring of 2023 and was implemented before immense public comment. He shares that with the large number of comments from this meeting from the public that he felt the topic to be reconsidered with the commission due to the current state of the industry.*

*PITZMAN/VELSKO MOVED TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK SKIFF POLICY FOR THE PORT AND HARBOR TARIFF TO 2025.*

*Ms. Woodruff asked a clarifying question for Commissioner Pitzman if this was a postponement through 2025 to begin in 2026. Commissioner Pitzman confirmed that this movement is to be postponed to the end of 2024 and to be implemented in 2025. He added clarifying comments that the work skiff policy is to include all work skiffs and not just seine skiffs but would like to be responsive to public comments.*

*Commissioner Zeiset agreed with continuous discussion for policy change and postponing the policy change to the end of the year.*

*Commissioner Velsko agreed with Commissioner Pitzman's comment and that she is aware of the high cost of the commercial fishing industry.*

*Commissioner Friend supports the tariff change as well as postponing the policy change and was appreciative of the public comment received. He also commented that staff works hard to upgrade the harbor with limited funds but acknowledged the policy change was bad timing. However, he noted that the Homer Harbor is too small for the activity that takes place and that the policy change wasn't any animosity towards the commercial fishing business.*

*VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.*

*Motion carried.*



**From:** [mary griswold](#)  
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I oppose Resolution 24-057 providing a moorage fee exemption for work skiffs in the harbor. Many seiners do not moor in stalls, but raft together in transient spaces. Many seiners do not carry or store their seine skiffs on deck, but tow them behind the seiner.

The harbor is crowded. When seiners tie up in the transient areas and park their seine skiffs alongside, they prevent another boat from tieing up next to them. So other seiners use other transient areas, preventing still other boats from having a place to moor. Secondly, seine skiffs are as large as many of the skiffs in stalls and in transient areas- all of whom pay moorage. As a matter of equity, all boats using harbor space should help pay for this very expensive enterprise.