

**CITY OF HOMER  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Public hearings** are scheduled for **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026** during the Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, AK; and by Zoom webinar at zoom.us or Telephone Dial 1-669-900- 6833 or 1-253-215 8782; (Toll Free) 888-788-0099 or 877- 853-5247; use Webinar ID: 205 093 973 and Password: 610853

**Ordinance 26-23**

- a. Ordinance 26-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Submitting a Ballot Question to the Voters at the Regular Municipal Election on November 3, 2026, Regarding the Continuation of the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Program and Reauthorizing the Three-Fourths Percent (3/4%) Sales Tax Levy for Up to Twenty Additional Years. City Council/City Manager.**

\*\*Copies of proposed Ordinances in entirety, are available for review online at <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/ordinances>, and at the Homer City Clerk's Office and at the Homer Public Library. Contact the Clerk's Office at City Hall if you have any questions. 235-3130, Email: [clerk@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:clerk@ci.homer.ak.us)

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2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Council/  
4 City Manager

5 **ORDINANCE 26-23**

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
8 SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS AT THE  
9 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026,  
10 REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE HOMER ACCELERATED  
11 ROADS AND TRAILS (HART) PROGRAM AND REAUTHORIZING THE  
12 THREE-FOURTHS PERCENT (3/4%) SALES TAX LEVY FOR UP TO  
13 TWENTY ADDITIONAL YEARS.

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15 WHEREAS, The HART Program (the “Program” or the HART Program”) and the three-  
16 fourths percent (¾%) sales tax levy in support of the Program was first approved by voters in  
17 October 1987;

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19 WHEREAS, The general intent of the Program, as approved by voters of the City of  
20 Homer, Alaska (the “City”) in 1987, was to provide for the reconstruction of local substandard  
21 roads and/or upgrading existing City roads, thereby reducing maintenance costs, improving  
22 access, increasing property values, and improving quality of life within the City; and

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24 WHEREAS, The program was renewed for an additional 20 years and amended to  
25 include construction of new local roads and construction of new local trails by voters in  
26 October 2006; and

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28 WHEREAS, The Program was amended by City voters in 2017 to permit Program funds  
29 to be used as a dedicated funding source for road and trail construction, improvement and  
30 maintenance as outlined in Ordinance 17-10(S)(A) thereby establishing these activities as  
31 essential; and

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33 WHEREAS, Funding Road and trail maintenance, construction and improvement  
34 through the Program has freed up general funds for other essential City services and the City  
35 has continued to offer the special assessment district process as a mechanism for the  
36 improvement of local roads; and

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38 WHEREAS, The Program is set to expire in 2027 and reauthorization requires approval  
39 by the voters of the City.

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41 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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43 Section 1. The Homer City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the community

44 to ask the voters if the Homer Accelerated Road and Trails (HART) Program and the three-  
45 fourths percent (¾%) sales tax levy currently dedicated to this purpose should be reauthorized  
46 and extended for up to twenty additional years.

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48 Section 2. The City shall submit the following proposition to the qualified voters of the  
49 City at the 2026 Regular Municipal Election. The proposition must receive an affirmative vote  
50 from a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question to be approved.

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52 PROPOSITION NO. 1  
53 Shall the City of Homer, Alaska continue to provide a funding source for street reconstruction  
54 improvements, construction of new local roads and new local trails, and maintenance of local  
55 roads and trails in accordance with the City of Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART)  
56 Program by continuing after December 31, 2027 to levy a three-fourths percent (¾%) sales tax  
57 for up to twenty additional years?

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59 YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

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61 Section 3. This ordinance is not of a permanent and general nature and shall not be  
62 codified.

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64 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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67 CITY OF HOMER  
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70 RACHEL LORD, MAYOR  
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73 ATTEST:  
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76 AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK  
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78 YES:  
79 NO:  
80 ABSTAIN:  
81 ABSENT:  
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83 First Reading:  
84 Public Hearing:  
85 Second Reading:  
86 Effective Date: