



EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

CITY MANAGER



HOMER, ALASKA
“A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.”



THE COMMUNITY

Homer (pop. 5,300) is a vibrant city on Kachemak Bay, located in south-central Alaska, near the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula. The City of Homer is 227 road miles from Anchorage, and accessible by land, sea, or air travel. Homer has a diverse economy with commercial fishing, tourism, and government sectors being the most prominent. Homer is a gateway to the Katmai National Park and Preserve to the southwest and the Wynn Nature Center is also located on the city's outskirts.

Homer is widely acknowledged to have the best arts scene and the best restaurants of any small town in Alaska. Many of these businesses are located on Pioneer Avenue in the heart of the City, where an abundance of peonies grace both gardens and public murals; or in historic "Old Town" on the shores of Bishop's Beach.

Homer boasts a high quality of life and superior schools. Residents enjoy year-round outdoor recreation opportunities that include fishing, hiking, skiing, kayaking, hunting, snow-machining, birding, kite-surfing, and more. A diversity of arts, cultural and recreational activities throughout the year makes Homer welcoming and makes time with family and friends extraordinarily enjoyable.

Homer's climate is moderated by the Pacific Ocean, resulting in warmer winters and cooler summers than seen in places farther inland in Alaska. The City of Homer is a first-class general law municipality, incorporated on March 31, 1964 and operates as Council-Manager form of government.

THE POSITION IN BRIEF

The City Manager is the chief administrative officer responsible for the administration of all City services and supervision of department directors and administrative staff. This is a contract position serving at the will of the City Council. The Mayor and six Council members are elected at large. The Council sets policy, adopts ordinances, resolutions, and determines funding for all programs and services through the adoption of the Municipal budget.

The City's budget is \$22 million and includes; Police (patrol, dispatch, jail), Fire and EMS services, Public Works (water, sewer, camping, parks and recreation), Port and Harbor, Library, Administration, Finance, Planning and Zoning and management of the airport terminal building. The City has over 100 full-time employees, as well as four part-time positions.

Candidates should have:

- B.A. degree in business or public administration or related field required, relevant Master's degree desired.
- Minimum of five years of management and supervisory experience required, municipal management experience desired.
- Knowledge of the needs and special requirements of a coastal community i.e.; fishing and tourism issues desired. Possess proven leadership ability.
- Knowledge of the Alaska State Legislative process.
- Familiarity with Water and Wastewater Utility, Port and Harbor operations, and a combination paid staff/volunteer Fire Department.
- Strong communication skills, written and oral.





HOW TO APPLY

Candidates should apply by **January 30, 2020**. Applications will be reviewed in early February. Telephonic and in-person interviews will also be conducted in February. The final applicants selected will receive budget and capital improvement information. Applications and resumes are subject to review by the public and press.

Contract salary and terms are dependent upon qualifications and will be negotiated after an offer of employment has been made. The City offers an outstanding fringe benefit package including Health Insurance, Retirement in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Life Insurance, Wellness Program, Paid Time Off, Sick Leave, and Holiday Pay.

A complete job description and application is available at <https://cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

If you have any questions regarding the benefits or application process please contact Andrea Browning, HR Director at abrowning@ci.homer.ak.us.

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