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Memorandum 21-050

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: MARCH 16, 2021
SUBJECT: EXEMPTING PROPERTY OF AN ORGANIZATION NOT FOR PROFIT FROM CITY PROPERTY TAX

At the March 8th Council meeting there were questions about the necessity of a city resolution regarding the property tax exemption of the Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc (KMHI).

I reached out to Kenai Peninsula Borough Assessing about the KMHI property exemption and spoke with Chris Tilly, Administration Manager. She explained that many years back there was a requirement by the Borough for the City to adopt a resolution for these exemptions, however because the City has adopted code regarding real and personal property tax exemptions there is no longer the need for a resolution.

She noted that back in 2010 when KMHI first began applying for the exemption for City property, whoever advised them must have been working from old information.

There is a motion on the floor from March 8th to adopt Resolution 21-020 by reading of title only. Because voting no could create a perception of the Council objecting to the KMHI exemption and may muddy the waters, I suggest postponing indefinitely.

Roberts Rules of Order 12th edition,

§11. POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

(To drop the main motion without a direct vote on it)

11:1 *Postpone Indefinitely* is a motion that the assembly decline to take a position on the main question. Its adoption kills the main motion (for the duration of the session) and avoids a direct vote on the question. It is useful in disposing of a badly chosen main motion that cannot be either adopted or expressly rejected without possibly undesirable consequences.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion to postpone the resolution indefinitely.