



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 24-02, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 3 Revenue and Finance Chapter 3.1 General to add Section 3.01.037 Donations to the City to Allow Acceptance of Money or Real Property Donated, Devised or Bequeathed for a Public Purpose. Lord/Venuti.

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Members of the public have occasionally donated funds or property to support the public operations of the City of Homer. Many citizens contributed towards the construction of the new library, for instance, and the City is currently working towards accepting donations for the 40th anniversary celebration of the sister-city relationship with Teshio, Japan.

Historically, the process of accepting or declining donations has been on an ad hoc basis. Homer City Code lacks a section that addresses donations towards City functions in general.

Amending Title 3 would provide clarity by 1. stating that the City can accept donations, 2. spelling out the criteria under which a donation may be accepted or declined, 3. limiting the conditions that donors may attach to the gift, and 4. explaining the City's authority to use funds when no conditions are attached.

Recommendation: Amend Homer City Code to clarify the donation process.