



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 26-040, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving the Renewal of a Lobbyist Contract with the Ferguson Group for a Term of One Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027 in the Amount of \$63,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

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Since retaining The Ferguson Group (TFG) as our federal lobbying firm, the City has benefited from a productive and collaborative partnership. Through the work of representatives Lane Dickson and Chris Griffin, the City has a stronger federal advocacy presence, more consistent engagement with Alaska's congressional delegation and expanded access to key agencies supporting the City's infrastructure and funding priorities. During the City's recent visit to Washington, their efforts facilitated meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Coast Guard, Senate and House committees and subcommittee members, and White House intergovernmental affairs staff to advance Homer's legislative and capital project priorities.

TFG supports this work through regular coordination with City staff, timely follow-through on action items, and guidance on communication with congressional offices and federal agencies, helping ensure the City maintains a consistent, informed and effective presence in Washington.

Beyond formal advocacy, the firm provides regular updates on federal legislation, appropriations, and policy developments, and assists staff in identifying and submitting competitive Community Project Funding and Programmatic requests accurately and on schedule, saving staff time and improving overall efficiency.

As Homer continues to pursue federal partnerships and investment in transportation and water/wastewater infrastructure, retaining experienced federal representation remains essential to advancing the City's interests in Washington D.C.

Staff recommendation: Renew 1-year contract with TFG.