1 CITY OF HOMER 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 City Manager 4 **ORDINANCE 16-53** 5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, 6 7 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR 8 PROPOSAL FOR LOT 11, HOMER SPIT SUBDIVISION NO. 5, FOR A LONG-TERM COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE AND AMENDING 9 THE FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN 10 THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00 FROM PORT AND HARBOR 11 DEPRECIATION RESERVES TO FUND TOWER CONSULTANT 12 13 SERVICES WITH CITYSCAPE CONSULTANTS, INC. 14 WHEREAS, Resolution 15-030(A) authorized the City Manager to issue a request for 15 proposal (RFP) for Homer Spit No. 5 Lot 11 for a long term cell tower lease; and 16 17 WHEREAS, On June 29, 2015, Resolution 15-049 awarded a twenty year lease with two 18 five-year options on a portion of Lot 11, Homer Spit Subdivision, No. 5 to SpitwSpots Inc. of 19 Homer, Alaska, and authorized the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents; and 20 21 WHEREAS, On August 3, 2016 negotiations with SpitwSpots were terminated after 22 failure to come to an agreement that both parties found mutually beneficial; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, Since August 2016, the City has received letters of interest from four different companies interested in constructing a tower on Homer Spit No. 5 Lot 11; and 26 27 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the City of Homer for a letter of interest to trigger Council 28 29 to consider authorizing a request for proposal; and 30 WHEREAS, Moving forward without additional delay on this project is important so 31 that a tower can be up by the next construction season to serve the great demand for 32 increased communications capacity in Homer; and 33 34 WHEREAS, Due to the complexity of tower regulations and requirements, staff 35 recommends hiring a professional wireless communications firm to facilitate the request for 36 proposal process and subsequent negotiations; and 37 38 WHEREAS, Hiring a third party will allow for an expert and objective analysis of all 39 RFPs which will be both beneficial to the City of Homer and the businesses submitting 40 41 proposals; and

Page 2 of 3 **ORDINANCE 16-53** CITY OF HOMER WHEREAS, CityScape Consultants, Inc. has extensive experience in Alaska handling 42 tower negotiations with municipalities such as Juneau and the MatSu Borough and is 43 qualified to facilitate the process for the City of Homer. 44 45 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS: 46 47 Section 1. The City Council of Homer, Alaska, authorizes the City Manager to issue a 48 request for proposal for a long-term tower lease on a portion of Lot 11, Homer Spit 49 Subdivision No. 5. 50 51 Section 2. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY 2016 Operating Budget by 52 appropriating \$12,500.00 from Port and Harbor Depreciation Reserves to hire CityScape 53 Consultants, Inc. to facilitate the lease negotiations, including request for proposal, selection 54 process, and siting of the tower and equipment. 55 56 Expenditure: 58 Account Description <u>Amount</u> 59 456-380 Consultant services for \$12,500.00 communications tower

Section 3. This is a budget amendment ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 24th day of October, 2016.

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BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Public Hearing: 10/34/16 87 88 Second Reading: 10/24/16
Effective Date: 10/25/16 89 90 91 Reviewed and approved as to form: 92 93 Many & Koestes 94 Mary K. Koester, City Manager 95 Holly C. Wells, City Attorney 96 Date: 1107016 97 98 Fiscal Note: \$12,500.00 from Port and Harbor Depreciation Reserves (456-380). 99