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CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

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ORDINANCE 19-47(S-2)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
REPEALING HOMER CITY CODE 2.76 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION, REQUIRING ECONOMIC FINDINGS TO
ACCOMPANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS,
ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE
KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD
OF DIRECTORS CITY OF HOMER SEAT AND ENCOURAGING
~~APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCES TO ADDRESS TIMELY~~
~~COMMUNITY ISSUES~~ **CREATING AN ANNUAL PROCESS FOR THE**
CITY TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON PRIORITIZED
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND AMENDING HOMER
CITY CODE 2.58.020 CREATION OF CITY BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS TO DELETE (E) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, The strength of Homer's economy, including the business community and
quality of life, is an overarching consideration for all of the City's Commissions and the City
Council; and

WHEREAS, City representatives participate with the Homer Marine Trades Association,
the Homer Chamber of Commerce, and the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
(KPEDD); and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
overlaps in many ways with the Homer Comprehensive Plan, including within Chapter 7
Economic Vitality; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the KPEDD regularly produces
and annually updates a CEDS inclusive of the entire Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough CEDS 2019 Update includes many of the
tenants of the Homer CEDS (last updated in 2011) that may not be included in the Homer
Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the tasks within the Homer CEDS are targeting actions for
the City Council, and when recommendations for City Council actions are needed they would
be best drafted by specific-issue Task Forces created by Council and the Mayor; and

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44 WHEREAS, The few tasks identified for the EDC in the Homer Comprehensive Plan are
45 providing reviews and updates; and

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47 WHEREAS, CEDS reviews and updates should be completed in partnership with the
48 KPEDD, and Comprehensive Plan updates occur on a 5-10 year cycle and are not best suited
49 for the time and expense of a standing City Commission; and

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51 WHEREAS, City Commissions can recommend to City Council and Council can appoint
52 Task Forces to address timely issues of concern to the community, including those related to
53 economic development; and

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55 WHEREAS, Focusing limited City resources is critically important to ensure the efficient
56 and productive response to concerns and answering questions; and

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58 WHEREAS, Maximizing citizen involvement to answer specific questions and provide
59 recommendations through the Task Force model will enhance public engagement and provide
60 for targeted efforts that are most viable for City action.

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62 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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64 Section 1. HCC 2.76 is repealed.

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66 Section 2. HCC 2.58.020 is amended as follows:

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68 2.58.020 Creation of City boards and commissions.

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70 The following commissions and boards have been created by City Council and are
71 subject to this chapter unless otherwise provided in this title:

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73 a. Library Advisory Board;
74 b. Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission;
75 c. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission;
76 d. Planning Commission;
77 e. ~~Economic Development Advisory Commission.~~

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79 Section 3. ~~City Council shall consider creating Task Forces in accordance with the City~~
80 ~~Council Operating Manual (per Resolution 19-051) in proactive response to timely issues of~~
81 ~~concern to the community.~~ **Annually during the first quarter, staff shall circulate the**
82 **Comprehensive Plan's Economic Vitality Chapter, highlighting the implementation table,**
83 **amongst Departments, Commissions, Committees, Boards, and other community**

84 **stakeholders with a request to provide City Council with priorities, additional**
85 **opportunities, needs, concerns, and suggestions for implementation. The City Council**
86 **shall hold an annual Economic Development Priorities worksession, during which they**
87 **shall set their top three priorities and develop strategies for working on these EDPs over**
88 **the year.**

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90 Section 4. Throughout the year, Recommendations to City Council from the
91 ~~Planning Commission, Port & Harbor Advisory Commission and the Park, Arts, Recreation and~~
92 ~~Culture Advisory Commission~~ **City commissions** should include any relevant economic
93 development nexus information for City Council review.

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95 Section 5. The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Homer Business Community to fill
96 the City of Homer seat on the KPEDD Board of Directors who shall report to the City Council on
97 a quarterly basis **at least annually and who shall additionally work with the City Council,**
98 **Mayor, and the City Manager’s office to strategically engage with KPEDD on the regional**
99 **CEDS update in order to gather and promote inclusion of Homer-specific economic**
100 **development priorities and needs.**

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102 Section 6. This ordinance is of a permanent and general nature and shall be included in
103 Homer City Code, effective January 1, 2020.

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105 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this __ day of _____, 2019**20**.

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108 CITY OF HOMER

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113 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

114 ATTEST:
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118 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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121 YES:
122 NO:
123 ABSTAIN:
124 ABSENT:

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126 Introduction:

127 Public Hearing:

128 Second Reading:

129 Effective Date:

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131 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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134 Katie Koester, City Manager

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136 Date: _____

Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: _____