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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

ORDINANCE 19-48

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET BY RE-APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FROM HOMER EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTER (HERC) DEMOLISHMENT STUDY APPROVED IN ORDINANCE 19-35(A)(S) TO CONTRACT WITH GROW ECONOMY TO WRITE AND APPLY FOR A UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION PLANNING GRANT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE HOMER EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMPLEX (HERC) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL INNOVATION PLAZA AT THE HERC, PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, In September 2019, Grow Economy presented a US Economic Development Administration (USEDA) Planning Grant opportunity to the Homer City Council for the restoration of HERC 1; and

WHEREAS, A planning grant will provide a clear path forward and identify the costs and benefits of transforming HERC 1 into an innovation resource; and

WHEREAS, The planning phase will also provide the framework for the city to explore "green" improvements to the existing structure that will make it more energy efficient, cost effective and an attractive community resource; and

WHEREAS, The planning grant will also determine full eligibility of the facility for historic preservation funding which could be used for roof repair, asbestos mitigation, window updating and other necessary improvements; and

Whereas, Ordinance 19-38(A)(S) appropriated \$35,000 to fund a demolition study of the HERC 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, Re-appropriating the funds currently approved for a demolition study will enable the City of Homer to leverage those funds to help determine the innovation proposal viability or reverting to a demolition of the structure; and

41 WHEREAS, A decision to move forward with the innovation plaza at this location, will
42 leave the character of HERC 1 intact, provide a responsible use for the property, and allow it to
43 remain a public resource that will enhance the community; and

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45 WHEREAS, A center for business innovation in Homer will achieve two objectives; (1)
46 Recovery and resilience from economic shocks in the fishing industry, energy sector and state
47 fiscal crisis that encourages a stronger private sector that is less dependent upon volatile
48 industries, (2) Workforce Development for providing a business incubation facility to
49 encourage job creation and business expansion in the community; and

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51 WHEREAS, Should the City of Homer decide to proceed with demolition, this planning
52 grant will provide the necessary information required, through the demolition study, for the
53 RFP process; and

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55 WHEREAS, The contract with Grow Economy will be for \$10,000 and is therefore exempt
56 from City of Homer bidding requirements under 3.16.060(B), small procurement bellow
57 twenty-five thousand dollars.

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59 NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains:

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61 Section 1: The FY 2019 Capital Budget is hereby amended by re-appropriating \$35,000
62 from HERC Demolishment Study approved in Ordinance 19-35(A)(S) to contract with Grow
63 Economy to write a Untied States Economic Development Administration Planning Grant for
64 the demolition of the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) and the development
65 of a regional Innovation Plaza at the HERC site and provide matching funds to the grant, as
66 follows:

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<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
68 156-0396	69 Contract with Grow Economy to write 70 and apply for a USEDA Planning Grant	\$10,000
71 156-0396	72 Match funds for USEDA Planning Grant	\$25,000

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74 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Grow
75 Economy to write and apply for an Untied States Economic Development Administration
76 Planning Grant and execute the appropriate documents.

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

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81 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____,
82 2019.

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ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

Reviewed and approved as to form.

Katie Koester, City Manager

Date: _____

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: _____