

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 **RESOLUTION 20-009**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN
7 AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PLAN BETWEEN
8 ANCHOR POINT FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA
9 AND THE CITY OF HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR
10 FIRE RESPONSE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
11 MANAGER EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.
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13 WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements are a form of mutual aid agreements and their
14 operational plans provide for automatic requests for additional resources to residents of the
15 peninsula in the form of fire response personnel and apparatus when required; and
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17 WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements and operational plans are common in the fire and
18 emergency service professions; and
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20 WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.70.150 provides that: “[a] city, other incorporated entity,
21 and other fire protection groups may organize a mutual-aid program by adopting an ordinance
22 or resolution authorizing and permitting their fire department, fire company, emergency relief
23 squad, fire police squad, or fire patrol to go to the aid of another city, incorporated entity, or
24 fire protection group, or territory outside of it...”; and
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26 WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement and operational plan between Anchor Point
27 Fire & Emergency Medical Service Area (“APFEMSA”) and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire
28 Department (“HVFD”) sets forth response areas and terms of automatic aid; and
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30 WHEREAS, All associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and in this
31 manner, costs for manpower, materials, supplies and equipment are exchanged between the
32 agencies, ultimately resulting in service area funds being expended for the benefit of the
33 service area; and
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35 WHEREAS, For years, the operational plans have been considered as matters within the
36 expertise of the agencies providing automatic aid and, therefore, future amendments to the
37 operational plans have been left to the discretion of the agencies; and
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39 WHEREAS, Significant cost savings for fire insurance can be afforded local taxpayers
40 through rating determinations by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) when automatic aid
41 agreements are in effect; and
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43 WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement is for the provision of fire response services;
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45 WHEREAS, At its meeting of October 16, 2019 the Anchor Point Fire & Emergency
46 Medical Service Area unanimously recommended approval; and

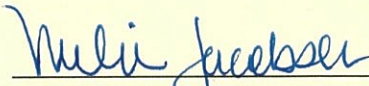
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48 WHEREAS, At its meeting of December 3, 2019 the Kenai Peninsula Borough
49 unanimously adopted Resolution 2019-067, approving of an Automatic Aid Agreement and
50 Operational Plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area and the City
51 of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response Services; and

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53 WHEREAS, Mayor Pierce is authorized to execute an automatic aid agreement while the
54 APFEMSA boards and chief are hereby authorized to approve amendments to the operational
55 plan with Mayor Piece's approval without further review by the Assembly and Homer City
56 Council so long as any such amendments do not conflict with the automatic aid agreement.

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58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby approves an
59 Automatic Aid Agreement and Operational Plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency
60 Medical service area and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response
61 Services and authorizes the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

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63 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13 day of January, 2020.

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65 CITY OF HOMER
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69 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

70 ATTEST:
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75 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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77 Fiscal information: N/A

