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HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 20-046**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS COVID-19 HAS ON CITY FINANCES, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RESTORE SHORTFALLS IN ANTICIPATED 2020 REVENUES FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THANKING STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following actions have been taken by the City of Homer:

- The City of Homer Emergency Center was activated on March 16, 2020.
- An emergency was declared for the City of Homer by the Mayor on March 18, 2020.
- Homer City Council ratified the emergency declaration and extended it by 90 days with the adoption of Resolution 20-029 on March 23, 2020.
- The Kenai Peninsula Borough and State Division of Homeland Security were notified of these actions in accordance with the City of Homer Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- A Point of Dispensing Plan was adopted as part of the EOP by Resolution 20-027 on March 23, 2020.
- City of Homer Personnel Regulations were amended to address policies related to emergency declarations by Resolution 20-028 on March 23, 2020.
- Measures providing increased time for certain payments during the COVID-19 Emergency were affirmed with the adoption of Resolution 20-037 on April 13, 2020 and Resolution 20-041 on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 24, 2020, Homer City Council appropriated \$50,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the Purpose of COVID-19 Preparation and Response for materials and services; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation does not include the regular and overtime wages or legal expenses already incurred while addressing the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In addition to following recommendations outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the City abides by mandates issued by the Honorable Governor of Alaska, which has required the City to repurpose staff, purchase supplies, and secure services such as legal counsel in order to meet the requirements of the mandates and CDC recommendations; and



43 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) is conducting  
44 the Kenai Peninsula COVID-19 Economic Impact Surveys. The first survey period was March 20<sup>th</sup>  
45 through the 27<sup>th</sup> and was completed by 721 businesses across the Borough. The responses  
46 identified negative impacts in the areas of disruption of business, decline in revenue, impacts  
47 to supply chains, risk of closures, and borderline impacts to employment; and  
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49 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska mandates have required individuals, businesses, and the  
50 City to operate at a limited capacity, which reduces the sales tax and user fees that supply  
51 revenue to City operations; and  
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53 WHEREAS, Restrictions on travel in order to protect public health and safety  
54 significantly impact the City and community in revenue generated by the tourism industry  
55 through reduced sales tax and user fees; and  
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57 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska's community distribution of the funds provided through  
58 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") lists Homer receiving  
59 \$7,886,013 in total community assistance plus COVID relief; and  
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61 WHEREAS, The Alaska State Legislature is still working with the Governor on the  
62 authority of the state and municipalities to spend this funding, therefore the City cannot count  
63 on this funding until it is disbursed; and  
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65 WHEREAS, The CARES Act comes with restrictions and the Coronavirus Relief Fund  
66 Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments guidance document released by  
67 the Federal Treasury Department on April 22, 2020 states funds made available through the  
68 passage of the CARES Act "may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover  
69 expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Although a broad range of  
70 uses is allowed, revenue replacement is not a permissible use of Fund payments"; and  
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72 WHEREAS, There are efforts to secure other financing opportunities through the Alaska  
73 State Legislature and an additional stimulus package from Congress to address lost revenues  
74 for local governments; and  
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76 WHEREAS, The City is anticipating significant revenue shortfalls to occur for 2020 and  
77 financial support is needed from the State of Alaska and federal government to assist the City  
78 in providing services to residents and visitors; and  
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80 WHEREAS, The City thanks the state and federal officials diligently working together to  
81 reopen the country and keep Americans safe while providing support to local municipalities  
82 trying to do the same.  
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84 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, requests  
85 additional financial support to restore revenue shortfalls in anticipated 2020 revenues from  
86 the State of Alaska and federal government and thanks state and federal officials for their  
87 response to the pandemic.

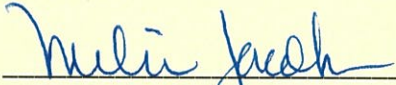
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89 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

91 CITY OF HOMER

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95 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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97 ATTEST:

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100 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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102 Fiscal Note: N/A

