

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

3 City Manager

4 **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-24**

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6 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
7 ALASKA, AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING
8 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
9 OVERTIME, EMERGENCY, AND STANDBY PERSONNEL COSTS
10 ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 PREPARATION AND RESPONSE.
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12 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Mayor Castner declared a Local Emergency
13 in response to the confirmation of new cases of COVID-19 in Alaska and in support of COVID-19
14 prevention measures being implemented throughout the Borough and the State; and
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16 WHEREAS, Through Resolution 20-029 Homer City Council ratified the disaster
17 emergency declaration and extended the declaration for a period of 90 days expiring on
18 Sunday, June 21, 2020; and
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20 WHEREAS, Council amended the 2020 budget through Ordinance 20-16 and Ordinance
21 20-22 for \$50,000 and \$80,000 respectively from the General Fund Fund Balance for the
22 material and service costs associated with COVID-19 preparation and response; and
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24 WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-16, Ordinance 20-22, and Resolution 20-046 acknowledged
25 these appropriations would not cover regular wages (as those were already approved through
26 the adoption of the City of Homer's Biennial Budget for 2020-2021) nor overtime wages, but
27 that these expenses are being tracked with the intent for their full reimbursement being sought
28 from the State and Federal assistance; and
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30 WHEREAS, Homer's First Responders have utilized stand-by pay, the Homer Volunteer
31 Fire Department has hired emergency temporary employees to respond to the pandemic as
32 authorized by the March 17, 2020 personnel regulations adopted through Resolution 20-028,
33 and other City employees have been reassigned to completely different positions as a result of
34 COVID-19 while regular employees have been documenting hours spent on COVID-19; and
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36 WHEREAS, All personnel costs incurred as a result of COVID-19 are being tracked for full
37 reimbursement; and
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39 WHEREAS, In the U.S. Department of Treasury's April 22, 2020 "Coronavirus Relief Fund
40 Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments" document, it states "payroll
41 expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar

42 employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the
43 COVID19 public health emergency” are nonexclusive examples of eligible expenditures to
44 receive Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) funding; and
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46 WHEREAS, Amendments made to the City of Homer Personnel Regulations through
47 Resolution 20-028 allow exempt employees to receive overtime pay if an event occurs that
48 triggers the City of Homer to make an Emergency or Disaster Declaration; and
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50 WHEREAS, Through the pay period ending on Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$110,172 has been
51 spent on unanticipated personnel costs associated with overtime as a result of COVID-19
52 preparation and response; and
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54 WHEREAS, Additional overtime expenses are occurring and will persist at least through
55 the City of Homer’s Emergency Declaration period if not longer; and
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57 WHEREAS, These overtime expenses are necessary in order for staff to perform both
58 regular tasks and the City’s response to the pandemic.
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60 NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains:
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62 Section 1: The FY 2020 budget is hereby amended by appropriating funds in the amount
63 of \$255,000 for the purpose of overtime, emergency, and standby personnel costs associated
64 with COVID-19 preparation and response:
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Account No.	Description:	Amount:
157-0936	COVID-19 Response	\$255,000

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69 Section 2: This appropriation will cover unanticipated overtime, emergency, and
70 standby expenses already incurred as a result of the pandemic as well as current and future
71 overtime, emergency, and standby expenses as anticipated by staff for the next 60 days. A non-
72 emergency ordinance will be brought forward to Council within the next 60 days to approve
73 overtime, emergency, and standby expenses projected for the rest of the year.
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75 Section 3: The Finance Department will continue to manage the project account for
76 COVID-19 Response in order to track all project related expenses with the intent for their full
77 reimbursement being sought from the State and Federal assistance.
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79 Section 4: This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall
80 not be codified.
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82 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 26 th day of May, 2020.
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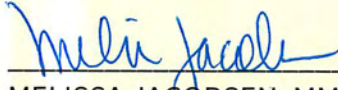
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CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

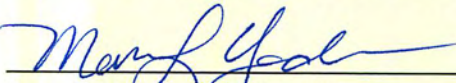
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Public Hearing: N/A

Second Reading: N/A

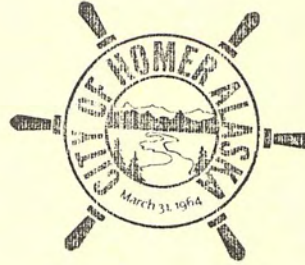
Effective Date: 5/24/2020

Reviewed and approved as to form.



Marvin Yoder, Interim City Manager

Date: 6/1/2020



s/Michael Gatti/

Michel Gatti, City Attorney

Date: 7/1/2020