CITY OF HOMER 1 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Evensen/Mayor 4 ORDINANCE 20-50(S)(A) 5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 6 7 APPROPRIATING \$60,000 IN CARES ACT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO 8 9 CONTINUE OPERATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC 10 11 WHEREAS, Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Homer Chamber of 12 13 Commerce has worked tirelessly in a leadership role that has advised and met the demands of our business community and provided clarity for concerns of operations, funding, and 14 15 economic shortfalls; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Early effort and insight by the Chamber, as well as their working partnership with Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District and the City of Homer, has uniquely and 18 19 positively influenced our local economy and the funding available to all citizens and business 20 entities of Homer; and 21 22 WHEREAS, Due to health risk of the pandemic the Chamber proactively scaled-23 back operations and cancelled their largest annual events, which included the springtime 24 Homer Winter King Salmon Derby and the summertime Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby; 25 and 26 WHEREAS, Currently losses at the Chamber stemming from COVID-cancelled 27 28 events are approximately -\$419,300 (revenue) and net income is down -233% compared 29 to last year; and 30 WHEREAS, Due to the pandemic the Chamber had to scale-back operations and cancel 31 their largest annual events, which included the springtime Homer Winter King Salmon Derby 32 and the summertime Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby; and 33 34 WHEREAS, To date losses stemming from COVID-cancelled events are approximately— 35 36 \$419,300 (revenue) and -\$57,000 (net income) in unrealized funds to the Chamber; and 37 WHEREAS, Large amount of work hours and volunteer-based effort donated by the 38 Chamber to counter the negative economic effects of the pandemic has also depleted this non-39 40 profit organization of its resources, including temporary and permanent staff, which have been

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WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-45 outlines usage of unspent funds from the first distribution 43 of CARES monies for CARES-specific needs; and 44 45 WHEREAS, Because the Chamber generously helps and facilities our entire community, 46 it is in the interest of the City and our citizens to appropriate special funding from the CARES 47 Act to sustain the Chamber through operational hardship stemming from COVID. 48 49 NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains: 50 51 Section 1. Allocation of funds from Section 1 (20-45) is to include: 52 53 \$60,000 is appropriated to Homer Chamber of Commerce for expenses incurred in 54 response to the COVID-19 pandemic for staffing and staffing-related expenditures. 55 56 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 24 day of August 57 2020. 58 59 CITY OF HOMER 60 61 62 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 63 64 ATTEST: 65 66 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK 67 68 YES: 6 69 NO: O 70 ABSTAIN:0 71 ABSENT: 0 72 73 First Reading: 8.10.20 74 Public Hearing: & . w. 20 75 76 Second Reading: 8,24.20 Effective Date: 8.25.00 77 78 Reviewed and approved as to form. 79 80 81 Robert Dumochel, City Manager 82 Michael Gatti, City Attorney 83 84 Date: 28 AUS 20 Date: