

**HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

**ORDINANCE 20-67(A)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR A GRANT OF \$225,000.00 TO HOMER SENIOR CITIZENS, INC., FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECOVERY OF LOSSES AND ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. (HCS) was mandated to close its cafeteria where hot healthy meals were served to the senior population; and

WHEREAS, All other activities and social programs have been suspended, further isolating seniors from exercise and mental stimulation with the loss of tai chi, strong women, and contract bridge; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska mandated a complete lock-down of Assisted Living to protect the vulnerable adults in HSC care; and

WHEREAS, Isolating seniors protects them from the virus, but social isolation has caused an increase in depression and other mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Eliminations of services have led to loss revenue and donations; and

WHEREAS, Senior Centers and Senior housing have been identified across the United States as locations of high susceptibility to rapid outbreaks of the Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, In the first months of the pandemic, HSC suffered the loss of four employees in Adult Day Services and Activities program; and

WHEREAS, HSC experienced a 56% turnover in Assisted Living staff due to the fears of the prevalent outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus in similar facilities; and

WHEREAS, Employee turnover required unexpected expenditures for replacement referral, recruitment and training; and

WHEREAS, Retention of qualified and well-trained employees necessitated increased incentives of bonuses and salary increases; and



42 WHEREAS, HSC was required to procure personal protective supplies and equipment to  
43 keep residents and staff safe and make other changes necessary to prevent the airborne  
44 spread of the Novel Coronavirus; and

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46 WHEREAS, HSC has documented the increased cost and accumulated loss due to Novel  
47 Coronavirus to be ~\$250,000 at this time; and

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49 WHEREAS, Each day of the pandemic adds to those costs and losses; and

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51 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough and the City of Homer have entered into a  
52 cooperative agreement to provide Coronavirus Relief Funds to various entities including the  
53 Homer Senior Center; and

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55 WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-66 amends Ordinance 20-60 to comport with the use of funds  
56 as described in the cooperative agreement; and

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58 WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-66 reserved up to 10% of the Kenai Peninsula Borough funds  
59 to be used for the benefit Homer Senior Citizens, Inc.


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61 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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63 Section 1. Allocation of funds from Section 1 C (Ordinance 20-66) is to include:  
64 \$225,000 is appropriated to Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. for expenses and increased costs  
65 incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for program and service expenditures.

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67 Section 2. This ordinance is a budget ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and  
68 shall not be codified.

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70 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 12th day of October, 2020.

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77 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

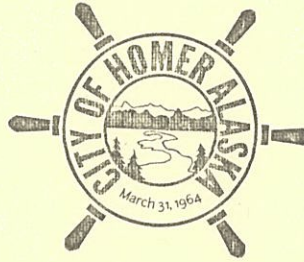
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YES: 6  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
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Introduction: 9/28/20  
Public Hearing: 10/12/20  
Second Reading: 10/12/20  
Effective date: 10/13/20



Reviewed and approved as to form:

  
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Robert Dumouchel, City Manager

Date: 10/27/20

  
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Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: 10/27/2020