

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Hansen-Cavasos

ORDINANCE 20-75

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
PROVIDING FOR A GRANT OF \$230,000.00 TO SOUTH PENINSULA
BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, 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, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services (SPBHS) operates out of six buildings in Homer; and

WHEREAS, SPBHS's services are in the fields of Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Developmental Disability; and

WHEREAS, SPBHS has provided treatment and support services to patients and their families in Homer for forty years; and

WHEREAS, At the onset of the novel Coronavirus pandemic, many of the programs, housed in the various facilities, were discontinued; and

WHEREAS, Quarantine and "hunkering down" mandates by the State of Alaska resulted in shifting into health and medical care delivered by alternative, but far less personal, technologies; and

WHEREAS, SPBHS has withstood losses of about \$23,000 a week over the course of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, SPBHS has maintained its workforce and services thus far only due to having sufficient reserves and obtaining some supplemental grants; and

WHEREAS, It seems likely that SPBHS will continue with "telehealth" practices into 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has received CARES Act funds that may be used to respond to, and recover from, the effects of the novel Coronavirus.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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Section 1. \$230,000 is appropriated to South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Inc. for expenses and increased costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for program and service expenditures.

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

THE CITY OF HOMER FURTHER ORDAINS that the City Manager is authorized to execute a grant agreement with SPBHS, and may establish and make amendments to grant guidelines as necessary to carry out the lawful and efficient administration of the program.

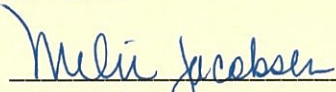
ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 26th day of October, 2020.

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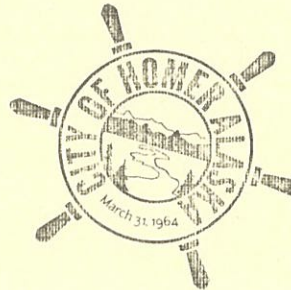


KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



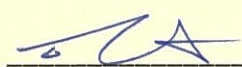
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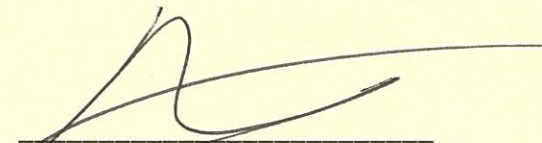
YES: 6
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Introduction: 10.12.20
Public Hearing: 10.26.20
Second Reading: 10.26.20
Effective Date: 10.27.20

Reviewed and approved as to form:



Rob Dumouchel, City Manager



Michael Gatti, Attorney

Date: 29 OCT 20

Date: 11/16/2020