

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

3 City Manager

4 **ORDINANCE 20-82(A)**  
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6 AN ORDINANCE UNENCUMBERING THE UNEXPENDED AMOUNTS  
7 FROM THE ECONOMIC RELIEF GRANT PROGRAMS AND CITY  
8 MATERIAL, SERVICE, AND PERSONNEL COSTS AND MAINTAINING  
9 THOSE UNEXPENDED AMOUNTS IN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE  
10 FUND FOR EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF  
11 FUNDS AS APPROVED THROUGH THE CARES ACT PROJECT  
12 CLOSE OUT PLAN.  
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14 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska granted \$7,899,085.29 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to the  
15 City of Homer to provide direct relief for Homer's needs and expenses associated with coping  
16 with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and  
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18 WHEREAS, The State arranged for the \$7,899,085.29 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to be  
19 disbursed in three tranches; and  
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21 WHEREAS, All Coronavirus Relief Funds received by the City are maintained in one  
22 account called the COVID-19 Response Fund to which all expenses are credited against; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Only expenses that were not accounted for in the City's budget and resulting  
25 from the City's response to COVID-19 during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30,  
26 2020 are reimbursed with Coronavirus Relief Funds; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Ord. 20-25(S) and Ord. 20-45(S) encumbered \$5,600,000 of the \$7,899,085.29  
29 to the City's Non-profit Economic Relief Grant program (NERG), the Social Services Economic  
30 Relief Grant program (SoSERG), the Childcare Business Economic Relief Grant program  
31 (CBERG), and the Household Economic Relief Grant program (HERG); and  
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33 WHEREAS, The SBERG, NERG, SoSERG, and CBERG programs all ended by October 2,  
34 2020 and left the City with a remaining balance of approximately \$2,641,043.50; and  
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36 WHEREAS, The HERG program does not end until October 16, 2020 so a remaining  
37 balance is not known at this time; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Ord. 20-16, Ord. 20-22, Ord. 20-25(S), Ord. 20-63, Ord. 20-45(S), and pending  
40 Ord. 20-65 will have allocated \$1,644,949 to City of Homer material, services, and personnel  
41 expenses to carry the City's expenses associated with COVID-19 through December 30, 2020;  
42 and

43                   **WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-66 clarifies the allowed uses for Coronavirus Relief Funds**  
44 **from the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) and added Section 4, this Ordinance allows City**  
45 **Council to maximize the impact of the KPB Coronavirus Relief Funds by reallocating any**  
46 **unexpended funds to other purposes allowed under the KPB Grant Agreement through**  
47 **the CARES Act Project Closeout Plan; and**  
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49                   WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City to have the ability to respond and address  
50 community and municipal needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic quickly since CARES Act  
51 dollars must be spent by December 30, 2020; and  
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53                   WHEREAS, Legislation appropriating specific Coronavirus Relief Fund amounts to  
54 programs with CARES Act dollars prevents the City from using the unexpended balances of  
55 these programs to efficiently cover other prioritized needs of the City unless additional  
56 legislation un-appropriating and re-appropriating the funds takes place; and  
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58                   WHEREAS, After the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting there are three scheduled  
59 City Council meetings left in the year to address appropriation needs, unless Council schedules  
60 additional hearings; and  
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62                   WHEREAS, City Council prioritized eligible uses of the remaining balance of City of  
63 Homer CARES Act funds in the CARES Act Project Close Out Plan; and  
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65                   WHEREAS, The CARES Act Project Close Out Plan provides staff direction on incurring  
66 expenses associated with community and city needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic  
67 response.  
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69                   NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:  
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71                   Section 1. The unexpended amounts of the City of Homer Economic Relief Grant  
72 Programs will be unencumbered and kept ready for additional COVID-19 related expenses as  
73 approved through the CARES Act Project Close Out Plan and incurred by the City.  
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75                   Section 2. Any remaining City material, service, or personnel costs identified by the City  
76 Manager as unexpended will be unencumbered and be kept ready for additional COVID-19  
77 related expenses as approved through the CARES Act Project Close Out Plan and incurred by  
78 the City.  
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80                   Section 3. This Ordinance allows City Council to maximize the impact of Coronavirus  
81 Relief Funds in response to community and municipal needs before the December 30, 2020  
82 deadline.  
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