

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

3 City Manager/Fire Chief

4 **RESOLUTION 21-005**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7 APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND OPERATIONAL
8 PLAN BETWEEN THE WESTERN EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA AND
9 THE CITY OF HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE
10 RESPONSE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
11 NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS
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13 WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements are a form of mutual aid agreements and their
14 operational plans provide for automatic requests for additional resources to residents of the
15 peninsula in the form of fire response personnel and apparatus when required; and
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17 WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements and operational plans are common in the fire and
18 emergency service professions; and
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20 WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.70.150 provides that: “[a] city, other incorporated entity,
21 and other fire protection groups may organize a mutual-aid program by adopting an ordinance
22 or resolution authorizing and permitting their fire department, fire company, emergency relief
23 squad, fire police squad, or fire patrol to go to the aid of another city, incorporated entity, or
24 fire protection group, or territory outside of it...”; and
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26 WHEREAS, Resolution 20-009 adopted January 13, 2020 provided for an automatic aid
27 agreement and operating plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area
28 and the Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) to set forth response areas and terms of
29 automatic aid; and
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31 WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement and operational plan, which will replace the
32 automatic aid agreement and operating plan adopted in Resolution 20-009, reflects the newly
33 created Western Emergency Service Area created by the voters at the October, 2020 election;
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36 WHEREAS, All associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and in this
37 manner, costs for manpower, materials, supplies and equipment are exchanged between the
38 agencies, ultimately resulting in service area funds being expended for the benefit of the
39 service area; and
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WHEREAS, For years, the operational plans have been considered as matters within the expertise of the agencies providing automatic aid and, therefore, future amendments to the operational plans have been left to the discretion of the agencies; and

WHEREAS, Significant cost savings for fire insurance can be afforded local taxpayers through rating determinations by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) when automatic aid agreements are in effect; and

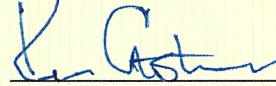
WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement is for the provision of fire response services; and

WHEREAS, At its meeting of December 9, 2020, the Western Emergency Service Area Board unanimously recommended approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska approves an Automatic Aid Agreement and Operational Plan between Western Emergency Service Area and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response Services and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

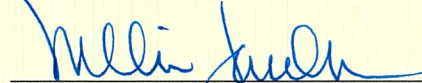
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal information: N/A

