

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 21-029**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE FAIRBANKS AREA SURFACE  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORIGINATION AND REVISION TO  
TITLE 13 OF THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO IMPROVE  
SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

WHEREAS, Alaska is currently ranked number one in the U.S. for the number of people who walk and bike to work per capita but ranked number 44 in the U.S. with respect to laws that create protections for people who walk or bike; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning is the State-designated planning organization for the Fairbanks and North Pole area and FAST recently adopted a resolution in support of revisions to Title 13 of Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Title 13 of AAC, Chapter 2, Sections 50, 400, and 455 (13 AAC 02.050, 13 AAC 02.400, 13 AAC 02.455) for non-motorized conveyances have not been updated since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Provisions are needed in 13 AAC 02.050 to improve safety of vehicles passing bicyclists in the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Provisions are needed in 13 AAC 02.400 for bicycle lane and shared lane use markings (i.e., sharrows) for riding bicycles on roadways; and

WHEREAS, Provisions are needed in 13 AAC 02.455 to improve safety and reduce conflicts for bicyclists and pedestrians with off-highway vehicles when traveling on sidewalks and other locations officially designated for non-motorized use only; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the State of Alaska recognize that pedestrians and bicyclists share transportation networks with motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The most recent five-year averages of fatalities and serious injuries for pedestrians and bicyclists exceed the goals of Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan and are trending upward; and

WHEREAS, One of the goals of the Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan is to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists who use the transportation network by reducing the number and severity of conflicts between people walking, bicycling, and driving; and

45 WHEREAS, Homer’s Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, adopted in 2004, recognizes  
46 the importance of pedestrians and bicyclists as part of the City’s transportation network and  
47 states that non-motorized transportation is an integral part of all transportation and design  
48 activities; and

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50 WHEREAS, The Homer Cycling Club implemented a “Homer Shares the Road” non-  
51 motorized transportation educational and advocacy campaign in 2015 that was endorsed by  
52 the Homer Police Department; and

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54 WHEREAS, Most state and local roads in Homer were not built with pedestrian and  
55 bicyclist amenities such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or wide shoulders; and

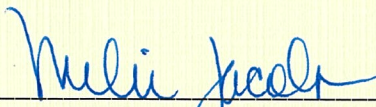
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57 WHEREAS, In recent years some State and local roads in Homer have added  
58 improvements for pedestrian and bicycle safety and other roads are slated for improvements  
59 such as sidewalks, bicycle lands, and wide shoulders; and

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61 WHEREAS, While Homer and the State are working on improvements, Homer City  
62 Councilmembers regularly hear from constituents regarding the need to improve access and  
63 safety for pedestrians and cyclists on local and State roads.

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65 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports the efforts of  
66 FAST and revision to Title 13 of the AAC to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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68 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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70 CITY OF HOMER  
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73 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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80 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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82 Fiscal note: NA

