

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Venuti/Erickson

ORDINANCE 21-68

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2022 TO FUND PART OF THE HOMER BUSINESS ADVISOR
POSITION FOR THE ALASKA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, The 2018 Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 Goal 2 States: Encourage the retention and creation of more year round, higher wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Small Business Development Center (AKSBDC) provides no-cost, confidential, individual business coaching to grow small businesses in Homer; and

WHEREAS, The AKSBDC is requesting the city provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 for three years to partially fund the local half time Homer Business Advisor position, and

WHEREAS, The Homer position is conveniently located within the Homer Chamber of Commerce, which provides the office space and supports free of charge; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC) heard presentations from Robert Green, the Homer Business Advisor of the AK SBDC, and Cliff Cochran, Kenai Peninsula Center Director of the AKSBDC; and

WHEREAS, The EDC considers this investment to be of minimal cost and of great benefit to local businesses to have local advisor services; and

WHEREAS, The EDC believes that cost of this investment will be recuperated to the City of Homer via increased sales tax revenue, and by increased property tax values when private sector investment occurs as a result of SBDC business counseling; and

WHEREAS, There is a lot of uncertainty for small business in the recovery phase of the COVID Pandemic and in workforce changes; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council supports the work of the AKSBDC and requests an annual presentation on the activities of the Homer office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

43 Section 1. The FY 22/23 budget is hereby amended by appropriating funds from the
44 General Fund account in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the
45 Homer Business Advisor of the Alaska Small Business Development Center.

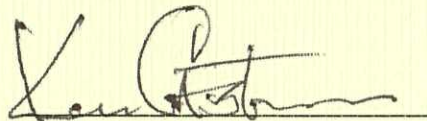
46 Expenditure:

47 <u>Account No.</u>	48 <u>Description</u>	49 <u>Amount</u>
50 100-0099	51 General Fund	52 \$25,000

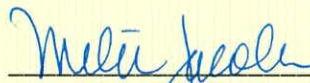
53 Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is temporary in nature, and shall
54 not be codified.

55 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 10th day of January, 2021.

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57 CITY OF HOMER

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60 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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63 ATTEST:

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67 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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70 YES: 6
71 NO: 0
72 ABSTAIN: 0
73 ABSENT: 0

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75 Introduction: 12-13-21
76 Public Hearing: 1-10-22
77 Second Reading: 1-10-22
78 Effective Date: 1-11-22

