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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Lord/Davis/Erickson

RESOLUTION 22-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER ALASKA
ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO PROMOTE
SIDEWALKS AND SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

WHEREAS, The Homer Non-Motorized Trails and Transportation Plan states that "All new road construction projects will include facilities designed for non-motorized transportation," which "may include sidewalks, safe crossings, separated/shared pathways, wide outside lanes, paved shoulders and striped, signed bikeways,"; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Non-Motorized Trails and Transportation Plan calls for implementation of a procedure to ensure that "all new road construction plans in Homer are reviewed by the city for non-motorized transportation infrastructure and presented to the community...early enough in the design development process for the design and construction plans to accurately reflect the expressed desires of the community,"; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 11.04.120 states that "New streets...identified as public access corridors in the adopted Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan shall have easements for sidewalks, bicycle paths or other non-motorized transportation facilities to ensure convenient mobility and convenient access to parks, recreation areas, trails, playgrounds, schools and places of public assembly,"; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is experiencing a tremendous increase in housing developments; and

WHEREAS, The population of Homer is growing, and new streets are being built; and

WHEREAS, A primary role of local government is to help ensure public welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has not been requiring pedestrian access in most cases when new streets are being built, but rather leaving this as an option for private developers; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have received many complaints about new roads within the City which, while built to current standards, do not provide adequate pedestrian facilities because they are narrow, elevated above grade, have deep ditches, and lack shoulders; and

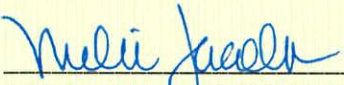
42 WHEREAS, The City has an opportunity to develop updated standards for roads and
43 non-motorized transportation facilities that meet current and future needs and interests of the
44 community.

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46 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council intends to pursue, beginning
47 over the next three months, a number of actions to improve safety and a pedestrian and cyclist
48 friendly community for residents and visitors alike:

- 49 1. Formulate reasonable changes to the Homer City Code to improve safety and
50 pedestrian access on new City streets, including updating minimum road widths and
51 assessing safety surrounding shoulders and ditch steepness.
- 52 2. Begin the process of updating the non-motorized transportation plan, an element of
53 the Comprehensive Plan, including a long-term plan for building critical sidewalk
54 infrastructure, and determining the costs to be borne by developers and/or private land
55 owners
- 56 3. Support the work of Public Works to catch up and develop a non-motorized
57 transportation implementation plan, non-motorized trails, and access in active
58 developments.
- 59 4. Develop a plan to integrate interested committees/commissions into sidewalk
60 discussion to ensure staff and volunteer efforts are well-coordinated and aligned with
61 Council interests and direction.
- 62 5. Establish a strategic plan for funding road safety improvements on existing roads.
- 63 6. Hold a series of work sessions for Council to work through these issues as a body
64 alongside the administration.

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66 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 9th day of May, 2022.

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68 CITY OF HOMER
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71 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

72 ATTEST:
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75 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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77 Fiscal Note: Advertising and Staff time

