AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMER ALASKA AMENDING HCC.04.120 TO CLARIFY THAT ALL NEW STREETS WHICH SERVE AS PUBLIC ACCESS CORRIDORS SHALL HAVE SIDEWALKS.

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 City of Homer has not been consistently requiring pedestrian access when new streets are being approved, in part because city code as currently formulated does not clearly require sidewalks, but rather only easements for sidewalks, and even then only on certain streets specified in a long-outdated map; and

WHEREAS, Numerous new roads have been built in town in the past several years that lack any pedestrian access.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. HCC 11.04.120 Street construction, design and dedication requirements – General, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.04.120 Sidewalks and non-motorized transportation corridors.

a. New streets to be accepted by the City and identified which serve 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.

b. New streets to be accepted by the City and not identified as public access which do not serve as corridors in the Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan may, at the developer's option, have sidewalks, bicycle paths or other non-motorized transportation facilities.

c. Sidewalks, bicycle paths and other non-motorized transportation facilities shall be designed in accordance with the design criteria of the City of Homer Design Criteria Manual.
Section 2. This ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of ________, 2022.

CITY OF HOMER

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:
NO:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

First Reading:
Public Reading:
Second Reading:
Effective Date: