

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

3 City Manager/
4 Port Director

5 **RESOLUTION 23-026**

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA IN
8 SUPPORT OF ENTERING INTO THE US ARMY CORPS OF
9 ENGINEERS GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDY FOR THE HOMER
10 PORT EXPANSION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
11 NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.
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13 WHEREAS, The Port of Homer serves as a port of refuge and home port for large vessels
14 transiting the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet and Kennedy Entrance and has seen a 42 percent
15 increase in large vessel traffic in the last 15 years, adding to the already significant
16 overcrowding of the small boat harbor; and
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18 WHEREAS, The City Council has identified the Homer Large Vessel Port Expansion as its
19 top priority Capital Improvement Project; and
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21 WHEREAS, The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) General Investigation study is
22 necessary to accomplish the Homer Large Vessel Port Expansion project, and significant efforts
23 have been made to secure funding and prepare contracts to move forward with the General
24 Investigation study; and
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26 WHEREAS, The General Investigation study will provide all the economic,
27 environmental, geophysical and engineering analysis necessary to develop a final cost to
28 benefit ratio on a preferred design and launches the Preconstruction Design and Engineering
29 phase; and
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31 WHEREAS, The cost of an Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation study is
32 capped at \$3 million, by policy must be completed within three years, and is the initial step to
33 justification of federal dollars for the construction portion of the Homer port expansion
34 project; and
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36 WHEREAS, The City and State local funds in the amount of \$750,000 each will match
37 \$1.5 million in Federal funds to complete the 3-year long GI [Ord 22-64, 23-01].
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39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports
40 entering into the Army Corps of Engineers three year General Investigation study for the Homer
41 Large Vessel Port Expansion project and authorizes the City manager to negotiate and execute
42 the appropriate documents.
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44 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28th day of March, 2023.

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ATTEST:

Melissa Jacobsen
MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A

CITY OF HOMER

Ken Castner
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

