



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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**Ordinance 23-22, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$230,000 from the General Fund Fleet Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Purchasing, Refurbishing, and Transporting a Ladder Truck for the Homer Volunteer Fire Department. City Manager/Fire Chief.**

**Item Type:** Ordinance  
**Prepared For:** Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
**Meeting Date:** 24 April 2023  
**From:** Mark Kirko, Fire Chief

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To better protect the community and to improve the chances of lowering our ISO rating in the community the Homer Fire Department needs a ladder truck in its fleet. Several months ago I provide an updated fleet plan to you and council that included the addition of a ladder truck and it also indicated the price of 1.6 million to acquire that unit.

Understanding that the fire department has significant fleet needs and that if all of them were met today it would exceed a price tag of 3.1 million. We currently have an opportunity to purchase a previously owned ladder truck that is in very good condition and would need little work to make it a viable truck fore Homer for several more years.

Additionally, with the arrival of a ladder truck, the department would surplus out our Heavy Rescue as the ladder would take its place.

I am asking that the City of Homer acquire this truck from the City of Ketchikan and spend up to \$225,000.00 to place it into service for the Homer Fire Department.

**Recommendation:**

Introduce Ordinance 23-22 with public hearing and second reading May 8, 2023.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance 23-22  
Financial Supplement

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

3 City Manager/Fire Chief

4 **ORDINANCE 23-22**

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6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 AMENDING THE FY23 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING  
8 \$230,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FLEET CAPITAL ASSET  
9 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (CARMA) FUND FOR THE  
10 PURPOSE OF FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING,  
11 REFURBISHING, AND TRANSPORTING A LADDER TRUCK FOR THE  
12 HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
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14 WHEREAS, The Homer Volunteer Fire Department provides critical public safety  
15 services to the community; and  
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17 WHEREAS, The City's fire fleet is aging and in need of many replacements, upgrades,  
18 and additions to include a ladder truck; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Ladder trucks can run upwards of \$1.6 million brand new and take up to two  
21 years to be delivered; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Administration has been looking for creative ways to handle the backlog of  
24 fire fleet needs; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Chief Kirko identified a used ladder truck in Ketchikan available for sale  
27 which had high potential to be a good addition to our fire fleet; and  
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29 WHEREAS, The Volunteer Fire Department has completed considerable due diligence  
30 to ensure that this particular vehicle would be a good purchase for the City; and  
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32 WHEREAS, The ladder truck can be purchased, refurbished, and transported for  
33 \$230,000 which is a significant savings over a new vehicle.  
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35 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:  
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37 Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY23 Capital Budget by  
38 appropriating \$230,000 for the purchase, refurbishment, and transportation of a ladder truck  
39 as follows:  
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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
152	General Fund Fleet CARMA	\$230,000

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Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Hearing:  
Second Reading:  
Effective Date:

CITY OF HOMER  
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

PROJECT NAME	<u>Ladder Truck</u>	DATE	<u>04/21/2023</u>
DEPARTMENT	<u>Fire</u>	SPONSOR	<u>City Manager/Fire Chief</u>
REQUESTED AMOUNT	<u>\$ 230,000</u>		

DESCRIPTION	A ladder truck belonging to the City of Ketchikan is available for purchase that could fill our needs in a very economical way and the Fire Chief has taken care to evaluate the ladder truck and worked with specialists to conduct inspections on the vehicle.
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FUNDING SOURCE(S)	OPERATING	GF CARMA	GF FLEET CARMA	PORT RESERVES	WATER CARMA
	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
	HAWSP	HART-ROADS	HART-TRAILS	PORT FLEET RESERVES	SEWER CARMA
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

FUNDING SOURCE 1: GF Fleet CARMA	FUNDING SOURCE 2:	FUNDING SOURCE 3:
Current Balance <u>\$ 1,276,595</u>	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered <u>\$ 546,108</u>	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount <u>\$ 230,000</u>	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Other Items on Current Agenda <u>\$ 0</u>	Other Items on Current Agenda _____	Other Items on Current Agenda _____
Remaining Balance <u>\$ 500,487</u>	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____
FUNDING SOURCE 4:	FUNDING SOURCE 5:	FUNDING SOURCE 6:
Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____