

1 CITY OF HOMER  
2 HOMER, ALASKA

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4 RESOLUTION 23-049

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 STRONGLY ENCOURAGING IN PERSON ATTENDANCE BY BOARD  
8 AND COMMISSION MEMBERS AT THEIR SCHEDULE MEETINGS.  
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10 WHEREAS, Homer City Code (HCC) 2.58.060 addresses telephonic participation by  
11 board and commission members; and  
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13 WHEREAS, HCC 2.58.060(d) directs that the preferred procedure is that all members  
14 make all reasonable effort to be physically present at the designate time, date, and location  
15 within the City for their meeting; and  
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17 WHEREAS, HCC 2.58.060(d) further states that teleconference participation is intended  
18 for good cause which may include, but is not limited to, absences required for work-related  
19 events, family emergencies, medical-related issues, or other good cause. Teleconferencing is  
20 not to be used as a regular means of attendance at meetings except meetings held while an  
21 emergency disaster declaration is in effect and the nature of the disaster significantly impacts  
22 a member's ability to attend a meeting other than by teleconference or other technological  
23 means; and  
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25 ~~WHEREAS, The pandemic is over and people are back at work; and~~  
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27 WHEREAS, Zoom meetings can create challenges due to connectivity issues, the time  
28 for doing business can take longer, and audio for those participating remotely can be difficult  
29 when mics are not on; and  
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31 ~~WHEREAS, When a majority of the Board and Commission members participate~~  
32 ~~remotely because of the "convenience" and there are public members in the room, the~~  
33 ~~engagement with the public is virtually none-existent and the long pauses are uncomfortable~~  
34 ~~and for some irritating; and~~  
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36 WHEREAS, Honoring each other's time by being present so work can be done in a timely  
37 and effective manner leads to good relationships with all involved.  
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39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, strongly  
40 encourages in-person attendance by Board and Commission members at their scheduled  
41 meetings unless telephonic participation is necessary for good cause **including illness.**  
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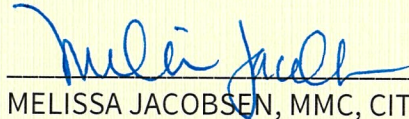
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

CITY OF HOMER



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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A

