

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 24-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE REVITALIZATION
OF THE HERC SITE.

WHEREAS, The limited Hazardous Materials Assessment of HERC 1 and comprehensive
assessment of HERC 2 has revealed both buildings contain hazardous materials such as lead
paint, asbestos and PCBs; and

WHEREAS, Planning for demolition and remediation of these buildings requires a
detailed cleanup plan which will incur a significant cost; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Brownfields
Program funding would allow the City to make progress on creating a cleanup and remediation
plan; and

WHEREAS, These plans will aid in leveraging other funding sources such as federal
grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby
authorizes the City Manager to apply to the State of Alaska Department of Environmental
Conservation Brownfields Program with the goal of moving forward on HERC site
revitalization.

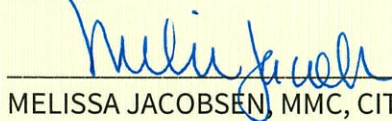
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of February, 2024.

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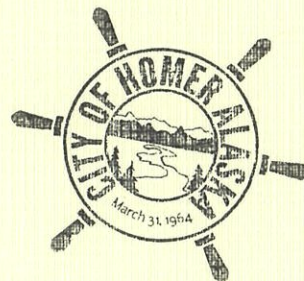
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A





MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-016, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Brownfields Program in Support of the Revitalization of the HERC Site. City Manager.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Date: February 12, 2024
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Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

The State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Brownfields Program is a funding stream that could help the City move forward with remediation and re-use of the HERC property. This is a unique program in that it is not a grant that the City accepts and administers. Instead it is an ongoing program that the state manages – they create a work plan, hire contractors, and oversee the projects. This relieves the City from some of the significant staff time a brownfield project requires.

Once a brownfield project has been selected by the State, the State continues to work over the years on the remediation until the project is complete. The City would not have to reapply for funding in future years. While the annual funding is typically in the \$25,000- \$100,000 range, the State provides ongoing coordination to make progress, and will also work with other funders to ensure the best use of funds and time. This grant program is competitive and staff anticipates this will be the first of several applications over the coming years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 24-016