

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/City Council

RESOLUTION 24-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY UNTIL
JANUARY 14, 2025 DUE TO THE CURRENT AND EXPECTED
IMPACTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 STORM SURGE AND COASTAL
EROSION EVENT ON THE HOMER SPIT.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough is a political
subdivision of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Spit Road, running the length of the 4.5 mile Homer Spit is a
critical infrastructure corridor supporting the Homer Port and Harbor, State and Federal assets
and the regional economy through essential recreational, commercial, industrial and
residential activities, including cargo transportation for communities throughout southcentral
and western Alaska and utilities for communities on the south side of Kachemak Bay; and

WHEREAS, High tides coupled with strong westerly winds seasonally drive strong storm
surges onto the western side of the Homer Spit; and

WHEREAS, A strong westerly wind event coupled with an estimated 23.2 foot high tide
on November 16, 2024 damaged the Homer Spit Road, public and private property, threatened
utilities, and resulted in major erosion of the approximately a mile and a half of beach; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Homer issued a Declaration of Local Emergency on
November 17, 2024 due to the current and expected impacts of the coastline along the Homer
Spit Road; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration activated the City's emergency response plan and requests
disaster assistance from the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska by making
resources available as needed for the ongoing response and recovery from the current and
potential impacts, to provide individual assistance for affected businesses and individuals, and
technical expertise and guidance to help the City in its repose and recovery from this event;
and

WHEREAS, The following conditions exist: the extent of damage from the recent 20+
foot high tides is extraordinary; the Homer Spit Road was damaged; buildings on the west side
of the Homer Spit received significant damage; large rocks and excessive debris was pushed
over the road and onto the walking trail on the east side of the Homer Spit by the significant
wave activity; public utilities were exposed; and momentous amounts of beach material
eroded from under building structures, the road bed, destroyed public camping areas; and

45 WHEREAS, Given the severity of this storm surge and coastal erosion event and potential
46 for near future events with 20+ foot tides expected in mid-December 2024, late January/early
47 February 2025 and beyond, the City of Homer requests Kenai Peninsula Borough, State, and
48 Federal assistance in the initial emergency response phase and the recovery phase.

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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby
51 extends the declaration of local disaster in the City of Homer per AS 26.23.140 until January 14,
52 2025. A copy of this Resolution will be filed promptly with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the
53 Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

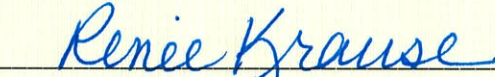
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55 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 25th day of November, 2024.

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57 CITY OF HOMER

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62 RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

63 ATTEST:

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66 RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

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68 Fiscal note: N/A

