

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/City Council

RESOLUTION 24-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
REQUESTING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND THE STATE
OF ALASKA DECLARE A LOCAL DISASTER FOR THE HOMER SPIT AS
A RESULT OF THE CURRENT AND EXPECTED DAMAGE FROM THE
NOVEMBER 2024 STORM SURGE AND COASTAL EROSION EVENT
ON THE HOMER COASTLINE.

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, In recognition of importance of the Homer Spit as a transportation and
economic hub, in the 1980's the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Alaska placed a
rock revetment to protect the Spit and the Homer Spit Road (the terminus of State of Alaska
Route 1) from coastal erosion caused by storm surges; and

WHEREAS, While the 40+ year old revetment wall has done well at protecting the road,
a changing pattern of more frequent and intense storm surge events has accelerated erosion
on the Homer Spit to the point where a strong westerly wind event coupled with an estimated
23.2 foot high tide on November 16, 2024 breached the revetment damaging 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 beyond the revetment wall; and

WHEREAS, The revetment wall terminates at approximately midway down the Homer
Spit Road leaving the remaining area of the Homer Spit exposed to direct impact of wave
activity on City owned and privately owned land on the west side of the Homer Spit; and

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

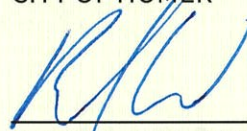
WHEREAS, The following conditions exist: the extent of damage from the recent 20+ foot high tides is extraordinary; the Homer Spit Road was damaged; buildings on the west side of the Homer Spit received significant damage; large rocks and excessive debris was pushed over the road and onto the walking 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

WHEREAS, Declarations of Local Disaster by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Governor of the State of Alaska will enable the mobilization of resources and support necessary to address the ongoing emergency and mitigate future risks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska requests that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and the Governor of the State of Alaska declare a local disaster emergency to exist per AS 26.23.140, to provide State public assistance and individual assistance as may be available, assistance for current storm surge and coastal erosion damage and disaster mitigation, and to request additional assistance from the federal government.

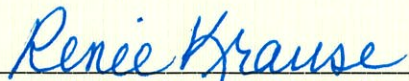
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 25th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER



RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A

