

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager
Public Works Director

RESOLUTION 25-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
REQUESTING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PROVIDE THE
CITY OF HOMER A FEE WAIVER FOR SCRAP METALS AND
BRUSH/SLASH AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
NEGOTIATE DISPOSAL TERMS WITH THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough Solid Waste Department (KPB) raised disposal
rates for Inert Waste at the Homer Landfill (Landfill) from \$45/ton to \$90/ton on January 1,
2024; and

WHEREAS, Inert Waste includes demolition debris, metals, tires, and brush/slash; and

WHEREAS, The increase of disposal costs associated with brush/slash exhausted the City
of Homer's (City) Public Works Department's annual budget (greater than \$5,000) for disposal
of brush in one Right-of-Way clearing effort; and

WHEREAS, The City makes considerable effort to reduce the quantity of brush and land
clearing debris that is hauled to the landfill by offering usable wood to the public and more
recently utilizing a wood chipper to make woodchips for parks and trails in avoidance of
disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, The City routinely segregates and disposes of scrap metals such as used
culverts, old fire hydrants, and metal pipes into the Scrap Metal Pile at the Landfill; and

WHEREAS, The scrap metals disposed of by the City have a much higher weight to
volume ratio than standard inert waste and are being charged at a premium; and

WHEREAS, The KPB contracts with Peninsula Scrap and Salvage to manage and recycle
the desirable high iron metals such as those the City disposes of; and

WHEREAS, The brush/slash and Scrap Metal waste hauled by the City is essentially
waste derived by serving the residents who pay for the landfill services; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the City are offered free disposal by the KPB; and

WHEREAS, The costs to the KPB for managing brush/slash are approximately \$10/ton, and the costs associated with managing scrap metals are less than \$10/ton since a contractor recycles that material for free making the impact to the KPB negligible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby requests the Kenai Peninsula Borough provide a fee waiver to the City of Homer for brush/slash and scrap metal disposal and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of February, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER


DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

