CITY OF HOMER 1 2 **HOMER, ALASKA** City Manager 3 4 **RESOLUTION 25-023** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSE ACQUISITION OF AN 7 8 ACCESS EASEMENT ON EASY STREET AND TO EXECUTE THE 9 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. 10 WHEREAS, The City of Homer owns property that is accessed via Easy Street, north of 11 Skyline Drive within the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District and wishes to ensure the 12 right of access to municipal property; and 13 14 WHEREAS, A portion of Easy Street that is maintained by the Kenai Peninsula Borough 15 traverses land that is a Native Allotment, and the Bureau of India Affairs views this access as an 16 unauthorized use (trespass); and 17 18 WHEREAS, Area property owners have worked together to find a solution and a path to 19 a legal easement across this property; and 20 21 WHEREAS, The road provides one of the few access points across Bridge Creek, and if 22 access were to be terminated, it would likely encourage new road construction and creek 23 crossing for an alternate route, creating new impervious surface in the watershed that could 24 be avoided; and 25 26 WHEREAS, Area property owners have been working for several years to resolve the 27 easement issue and the City of Homer granted an easement for Easy Street across City land via 28 Memorandum 21-090; and 29 30 WHEREAS, A government entity is required to apply for the easement from the Bureau 31 of Indian Affairs; and 32 33 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough is amenable to the City seeing this easement 34 acquisition to completion; and 35 36 WHEREAS, The land owner of the Native Allotment property is willing to grant an 37 easement but due to the land status as a Native Allotment, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has 38 stringent requirements on the process for the easement, and the City of Homer as an impacted 39 40 property owner can assist in the resolution of this easement acquisition by acting as the applicant for the easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. 41

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Homer: Section 1: The Homer City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to pursue an access easement for Easy Street and to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents. Section 2: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 24th day of March, 2025. CITY OF HOMER RACHEL LORD, MAYOR ATTEST: Fiscal Note: