

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager/Port Director

ORDINANCE 25-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
AMENDING THE FY25 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING  
\$1,300 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE PORT RESERVES FUND  
FOR THE CRANE EIGHT CONTROL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The cranes on the Homer Fish Dock are essential for the sale of fish to local  
fish buyers and having a crane out of operation can limit commerce; and

WHEREAS, Crane 8 has been non-operational due to the failure of its electronic-over-  
hydraulic control system, which is no longer supported by the control manufacturer or any  
third-party supplier; and

WHEREAS, The initial estimated cost of \$15,000 was appropriated by Ordinance 24-18,  
and included a 15% contingency; and

WHEREAS, The actual cost of the replacement, including unforeseen expenses for  
additional parts, labor, and necessary modifications to integrate the new control system,  
exceeds the originally appropriated amount; and

WHEREAS, The total project cost after these unforeseen expenses is \$16,300.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

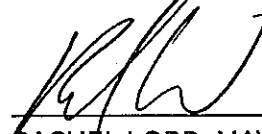
Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY25 Capital Budget by  
appropriating an additional \$1,300 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
456-0380	Crane 8 Control System Replacement	\$1,300

Section 2. This ordinance is a budget amendment only, is not of a permanent nature  
and is a non-code ordinance.

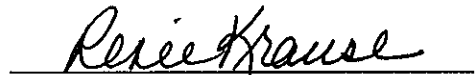
ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER



RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

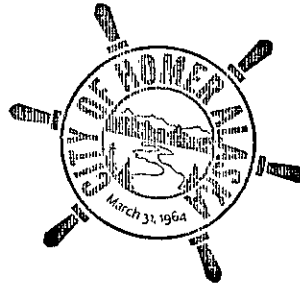
ABSENT: 1

First Reading: 04.14.25

Public Hearing: 04.28.25

Second Reading: 04.28.25

Effective Date: 04.29.25





# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 25-32, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$1,300 Additional Funding from the Port Reserves Fund for the Crane Eight Control System Replacement Project. City Manager/Port Director.**

**Item Type:** Back-Up Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
**Date:** March 24, 2025  
**From:** Bryan Hawkins, Port Director  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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## Background

Crane #8 on the Homer Fish Dock uses an electric-over-hydraulic control system, which was discontinued by the manufacturing company. After extensive research, staff discovered that no direct replacement for the electric portion of the controls is available. As a result, Crane #8 has been non-operational due to the complete failure of the control system.

In March 2024, the Homer City Council approved Ordinance 24-18, which allocated funding for the necessary repairs, including a 15% contingency. However, due to the age of the equipment, supply chain disruptions, and the specialized nature of the repairs, the repair timeline extended longer than initially anticipated.

## Challenges and Timeline

Crane #8 is primarily used during the peak salmon and halibut delivery seasons. After realizing that the crane would not be operational by last summer, we chose to take additional time to work with the technician. Our goal was to ensure that the crane was repaired with a long-term solution rather than a temporary fix.

The control system required a complete redesign, and installation was more complex than expected. Unfortunately, these delays were necessary for ensuring the reliability and longevity of the crane's operation.

## Budget Impact

During the extended repair timeline, material and labor costs increased beyond initial estimates due to inflation and rising shipping expenses. As a result, the total costs for the repair project have exceeded the original budget outlined in Ordinance 24-18.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 25-32 to revise the funding for the repairs to cover the increased costs.

**Attached:** Ordinance 24-18

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager/Port Director

ORDINANCE 24-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
AMENDING THE FY24 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING  
\$15,000 FROM THE PORT RESERVES FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
REPLACING THE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR CRANE 8 ON THE HOMER  
FISH DOCK.

WHEREAS, The cranes on the Homer Fish Dock are essential for the sale of fish to local  
fish buyers and having a crane out of operation can limit commerce; and

WHEREAS, Crane 8 is not operational due to the failure of an electronic-over-hydraulic  
control system that is no longer supported by the control manufacturing company nor any  
third party supplier; and

WHEREAS, The fishing season has already begun and demand for crane time is high, so  
it is preferable to complete the repair to the crane control system expeditiously in the current  
fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The City has requested quotes from multiple contractors and anticipates  
receiving responses before the end of March 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1: The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY24 Capital Budget by  
appropriating \$15,000 as follows:

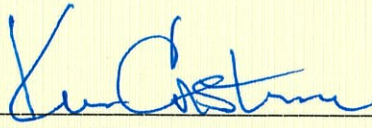
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
456-0380	Crane 8 Control System Replacement	\$ 15,000

Section 2: This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall  
not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 8 day of April,  
2024.

CITY OF HOMER



  
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

RENEE KRAUSE ACTING

YES: ☒

NO: ☒

ABSTAIN: ☐

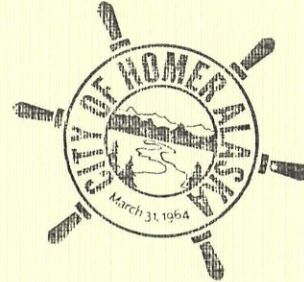
ABSENT: ☐

First Reading: 3/26/24

Public Hearing: 4/8/24

Second Reading: 4/8/24

Effective Date: 4/9/24



# CITY OF HOMER FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

PROJECT NAME	<u>Additional Funding - Crane 8 Control System Replacement</u>	DATE	<u>04/09/2025</u>
DEPARTMENT	<u>Port and Harbor</u>	SPONSOR	<u>City Manager/Port Director</u>
REQUESTED AMOUNT	<u>\$ 1,300</u>		

DESCRIPTION	The cranes on the Homer Fish Dock are essential for the sale of fish to local fish buyers and having a crane out of operation can limit commerce. Crane 8 has been non-operational due to the failure of its electronic-over-hydraulic control system, which is no longer supported by the control manufacturer or any third-party supplier. The initial estimated cost of \$15,000 was appropriated by Ordinance 24-18, and included a 15% contingency. The actual cost of the replacement, including unforeseen expenses for additional parts, labor, and necessary modifications to integrate the new control system, exceeds the originally appropriated amount. The total project cost after these unforeseen expenses is \$16,300.
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FUNDING SOURCE(S)	OPERATING	GF CARMA	GF FLEET CARMA	PORT RESERVES	WATER CARMA
	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	HAWSP	HART-ROADS	HART-TRAILS	PORT FLEET RESERVES	SEWER CARMA
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

FUNDING SOURCE 1: PORT RESERVES		FUNDING SOURCE 2:		FUNDING SOURCE 3:	
Current Balance	<u>\$ 1,078,438</u>	Current Balance	<u>          </u>	Current Balance	<u>          </u>
Encumbered	<u>\$ 551,596</u>	Encumbered	<u>          </u>	Encumbered	<u>          </u>
Requested Amount	<u>\$ 1,300</u>	Requested Amount	<u>          </u>	Requested Amount	<u>          </u>
Other Items on Current Agenda	<u>\$ 90,500</u>	Other Items on Current Agenda	<u>          </u>	Other Items on Current Agenda	<u>          </u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 435,042</u>	Remaining Balance	<u>          </u>	Remaining Balance	<u>          </u>
FUNDING SOURCE 4:		FUNDING SOURCE 5:		FUNDING SOURCE 6:	
Current Balance	<u>          </u>	Current Balance	<u>          </u>	Current Balance	<u>          </u>
Encumbered	<u>          </u>	Encumbered	<u>          </u>	Encumbered	<u>          </u>
Requested Amount	<u>          </u>	Requested Amount	<u>          </u>	Requested Amount	<u>          </u>
Remaining Balance	<u>          </u>	Remaining Balance	<u>          </u>	Remaining Balance	<u>          </u>