

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 25-050(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
DIRECTING **THE CITY STAFFMANAGER** TO COLLABORATE WITH
KBBI PUBLIC RADIO TO FACILITATE THE ANNUAL CONCERT ON
THE LAWN FUNDRAISER AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK,
ADDRESSING LOGISTICAL NEEDS AND MINIMIZING THE IMPACT
ON CITY OWNED BASEBALL FIELDS.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is committed to serving the public interest, promoting
community welfare, supporting cultural and civic aspirations of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has limited flat, open space suitable for community
events, with a significant portion of such space dedicated to baseball fields, including those at
Karen Hornaday Park; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has maintained a longstanding, mutually beneficial
relationship with KBBI, its local National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate, which serves as a vital
source of news, education and cultural programming for the community; and

WHEREAS, KBBI's annual Concert on the Lawn, its largest fundraising event, has been
traditionally held at the upper baseball fields in Karen Hornaday Park for many of the past 15
years, drawing residents and visitors together to support public broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, Local NPR affiliates, including KBBI, face significant financial challenges due
to proposed federal budget cuts that threaten to eliminate funding for public broadcasting,
making local fundraising efforts critical to their sustainability; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the importance of unwavering community
support for KBBI during this challenging period to ensure the continuation of independent,
community based public broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 Concert on the Lawn, held on the lower level baseball field at Karen
Hornaday Park encountered significant accessibility issues, reduced visibility from the vendor
area, and lower ticket sales as the event was visible and audible from other parts of the park,
highlighting the need for a more suitable location within the park; and

WHEREAS, KBBI has expressed its willingness to collaborate with the City to mitigate
and remediate any potential damage to the baseball fields resulting from the event
demonstrating its commitment to responsible stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, While the South Peninsula Athletic and Recreation Center (SPARC) serves as a viable backup venue in the event of inclement weather, it is not a suitable primary location for the Concert on the Lawn during favorable summer conditions, as it lacks the open air ambiance and capacity of Karen Hornaday Park; and

WHEREAS, The City acknowledges that community events like the Concert on the Lawn enhance Homer's cultural vibrancy, support local businesses and fosters civic engagement, aligning with the City's mission to promote a thriving community; and

WHEREAS, Facilitating the Concert on the Lawn at Karen Hornaday Park reflects the City's commitment to balancing the use of public spaces for diverse community needs while preserving the integrity of recreational facilities; and

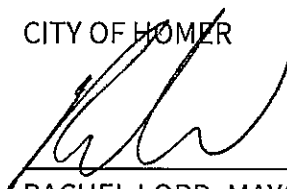
WHEREAS, Collaboration between City Staff Manager and KBBI can ensure that the event is organized in a manner that addresses logistical requirements, enhances accessibility, supports vendors and minimizes any adverse impacts on the baseball fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby directs the City Staff Manager to work collaboratively with KBBI Public Radio to Facilitate the Annual Concert on the Lawn Fundraiser at Karen Hornaday Park, utilizing the most suitable baseball field to meet the logistical needs of event organizers and vendors while implementing measures to minimize and remediate any peripheral damage to the ball fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Staff Manager shall coordinate with KBBI to address accessibility concerns, optimize event visibility and ensure a positive experience for attendees, vendors and the broader community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER


RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note:

