

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

ORDINANCE 25-45

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
ALASKA APPROPRIATING \$11,000 FROM GENERAL FUND CAPITAL
ASSET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (CARMA) FUND FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO
CONSOLETTTE.

WHEREAS, PROCOMM, the vendor for the City's public safety radio systems, was recently at the Police Department to provide service to our current system of radios and components; and

WHEREAS, The main fire department consolette volume was having a problem with very low volume output and PROCOMM was able to make adjustments to make it useable and advised that the consolette needed to be returned to the factory for repairs; and

WHEREAS, The City does not have a spare consolette to serve as a replacement; and

WHEREAS, A consolette is a piece of equipment used by public safety and government agencies for managing radio communications and coordinating resources and our public safety system has six consolettes; and

WHEREAS, Losing this piece of equipment temporarily will significantly affect emergency operations, including the potential of losing the ability to receive alerts on Homer Volunteer Fire Department pagers; and

WHEREAS, The existing consolette will go to the factory for repairs and serve as a backup system; and

WHEREAS, Investment income associated with the General Fund is pooled into the General Fund CARMA per HCC 3.10.105 and is recorded to the General CARMA subaccount on a monthly basis.

WHEREAS, Per HCC 1.08.040 emergency ordinances are valid for 60 days.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY25 Capital Budget by transferring \$11,000 within the General Fund CARMA as follows:

Transfer from:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
156-0375	General CARMA	\$11,000

Transfer to:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
156-0394	Police CARMA	\$11,000

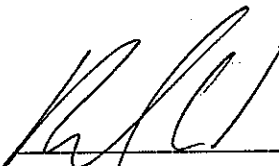
Section 2. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY25 Capital Budget by appropriating \$11,000 as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
156-0394	Police CARMA	\$11,000

Section 3. This is an emergency ordinance of general character and will be effective for 60 days, in accordance with HCC 1.08.040.


ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 23rd day of June, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER



RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

First Reading: 6/23/25

Public Hearing: NA

Second Reading: NA

Effective Date: 6/23/25



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-45, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Appropriating \$11,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Purchasing a New Fire Department Radio Console. City Manager/Police Chief.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: June 18, 2025
From: Mark Robl, Police Chief
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

ProComm was recently in town to address some problems with our communications system. We had problems with very low volume output on the Fire Department channel one radio, known as HVFD#1. These particular radios are called consolettes. Our radio technicians turned the volume output up to the maximum setting and recommended that it be replaced as soon as possible.

If this radio fails completely we will not be able to page out the fire department to emergency calls which could cause catastrophic problems. We will be able to send this radio back to the factory for repairs. Once fixed it will allow us to have a viable spare for our system which we do not have now.

We have six radios like this one in the central bank in our communications system. They are all dedicated to various critical use channels and cannot be converted to use for HVFD#1 without serious consequences. Having a spare radio in our central bank gives us a margin of safety we do not have now. There is no other option available to solve this problem other than to purchase a new radio as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an Emergency Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a new radio consolette.