

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Port Director/City Manager

ORDINANCE 25-51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING THE FY26 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING
\$30,000 FROM THE PORT RESERVES FUND FOR AN ENGINEERING
ASSESSMENT OF THE HOMER HARBOR STEEL GRID.

WHEREAS, The Steel Grid is one of two tidal grids in the Harbor which operated until it was condemned in the spring of 2024 because significant corrosion degraded the support pilings; and

WHEREAS, The Steel Grid provided space for vessel owners with 60 to 120-foot vessels to conduct routine or short-notice maintenance without incurring the expense of hauling out of the harbor; and

WHEREAS, Since the condemnation of the Steel Grid, there have been requests from large vessel owners and support from the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission to replace or repair the Steel Grid; and

WHEREAS, Before committing to replacing the Steel Grid staff prefers to first estimate the total cost for the project and identify opportunities for refurbishing rather than replacing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Per the City of Homer Procurement Policy the Port & Harbor solicited several quotes within the intermediate purchase range and RESPEC Engineering services was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

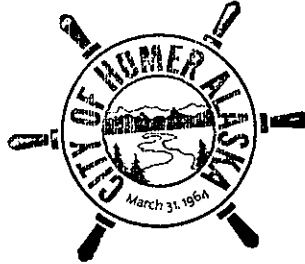
Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY26 Capital Budget by appropriating \$30,000 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
456-0380	Steel Grid Engineering Assessment	\$30,000

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 17th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER



RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

First Reading: 7/28/25

Public Hearing: 8/11/25

Second Reading: 8/11/25

Effective Date: 8/12/25



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-51, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 26 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$30,000 from the Port Reserves Fund for an Engineering Assessment of the Homer Harbor Steel Grid. City Manager/Port Director.

Item Type: Back Up Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: July 7, 2025
From: Bryan Hawkins, Port Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

The Steel Grid in the Homer Harbor has been out of service for the past two years. This decision was made by staff following a low tide inspection that revealed significant structural damage due to corrosion. The grid, estimated to be 50 years old, show substantial signs of degradation. Particularly to its support structure, posing a potential safety risk to the vessels.

Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

At the request of the Port Commission, staff have initiated steps to formally evaluate the condition of the Steel Grid. The goals of this evaluation include:

- Determining whether the existing structure is usable in any capacity
- Assessing if the grid is completely unsafe for continued use
- Estimating the cost of replacement
- Exploring creative or alternative options for restoring the facility to meet safe working load requirements, particularly for larger vessels needing inspection and minor hull maintenance

Funding

Staff recommends using funds from the Port and Harbor Reserve to fund the cost of this evaluation.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests approval for funding to hire an engineer to complete the evaluation of the Steel Grid.

CITY OF HOMER FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

PROJECT NAME	Engineering Assessment of the Homer Harbor Steel Grid	DATE	07/23/2025
DEPARTMENT	Port and Harbor	SPONSOR	City Manager/Port Director
REQUESTED AMOUNT	\$ 30,000		

DESCRIPTION	The Steel Grid is one of two tidal grids in the Harbor which operated until it was condemned in the spring of 2024 because significant corrosion degraded the support pilings. The Steel Grid provided space for vessel owners with 60 to 120-foot vessels to conduct routine or short-notice maintenance without incurring the expense of hauling out of the harbor. Since the condemnation of the Steel Grid, there have been requests from large vessel owners and support from the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission to replace or repair the Steel Grid. Before committing to replacing the Steel Grid staff prefers to first estimate the total cost for the project and identify opportunities for refurbishing rather than replacing infrastructure. Per the City of Homer Procurement Policy the Port & Harbor solicited several quotes within the intermediate purchase range and RESPEC Engineering services was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
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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 (456-0380)		FUNDING SOURCE 2:		FUNDING SOURCE 3:	
Current Balance	\$ 1,351,343	Current Balance	_____	Current Balance	_____
Encumbered	\$ 759,647	Encumbered	_____	Encumbered	_____
Requested Amount	\$ 30,000	Requested Amount	_____	Requested Amount	_____
Other Items on Current Agenda	\$ 20,000	Other Items on Current Agenda	_____	Other Items on Current Agenda	_____
Remaining Balance	\$ 541,696	Remaining Balance	_____	Remaining Balance	_____
FUNDING SOURCE 4:		FUNDING SOURCE 5:		FUNDING SOURCE 6:	
Current Balance	_____	Current Balance	_____	Current Balance	_____
Encumbered	_____	Encumbered	_____	Encumbered	_____
Requested Amount	_____	Requested Amount	_____	Requested Amount	_____
Remaining Balance	_____	Remaining Balance	_____	Remaining Balance	_____