

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 25-087

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL
JAGER AS FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF HOMER.

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 2.53.010 states that the Fire Chief shall be appointed by the City Manager for an indefinite term, and be confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 2.53.020 states the Fire Chief shall have all the duties and authority assigned by law or ordinance to provide emergency communications, fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services and shall have the supervision of all employees assigned to the Department and shall have the authority to administer contracts for Fire Department services not provided by Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 2.53.030 (a),(b),(f) and (g) state that Fire Chief shall formally appoint Fire Department volunteer personnel to positions within the Fire Department and have the authority to:

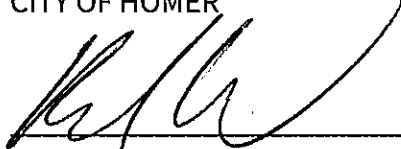
- Organize, manage and direct the activities of the Fire Department volunteers;
- Select, appoint, schedule, promote, transfer, assign, train or retrain volunteers in positions within the Fire Department;
- Suspend, demote, discharge, or take appropriate disciplinary action against volunteers according to the Fire Department policy and procedures manual;
- Establish job descriptions for all volunteer positions within the Fire Department; and
- Establish reasonable work rules and rules of conduct for all volunteers.
- Establish reasonable Fire Department privileges to encourage and reward the active participation of volunteers in Fire Department activities and services. Such privileges shall be described in the Fire Department procedures and policy manual.
- Recommend specific compensation or benefits be provided for volunteer Fire Department personnel. Such compensation or benefits must be approved by the City Council by resolution, and are subject to annual appropriation to the Fire Department budget. Absent such specific approval, volunteer Fire Department personnel shall not be paid and shall have no right or claim to any employee compensation or benefits.

WHEREAS, Daniel Jager meets the qualifications to serve the City of Homer in this capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homer City Council that Daniel Jager is hereby confirmed as Fire Chief for the City of Homer.

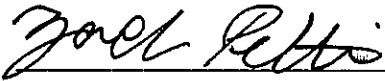
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 13th day of October,
2025.

CITY OF HOMER



RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



~~RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ADAC, CITY CLERK~~

Zach Pettit, Acting City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 25-087, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Confirming the City Manager's Appointment of Daniel Jager as Fire Chief for the City of Homer. City Manager

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: September 30, 2026
From: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Former Fire Chief Mark Kirko resigned from his position in July 2025, and the City began actively advertising for a new Fire Chief. 18 applications were received and 8 appeared to meet the qualifications of the position. Supplemental questions were provided to those 8 and 5 responded. Upon review of those responses, two applicants were provided first interviews by Zoom with an interview panel of department heads. Kenai Fire Chief Jay Teague assisted the panel as a subject matter expert. The review panel recommended Daniel (Dan) Jager for a second in-person interview.

Mr. Jager traveled to Homer for an in-person interview on September 23, 2025. In addition to a lengthy in-person interview with me, Mr. Jager visited Homer Police Department (HPD) where Lt. Browning gave him a tour of the dispatch center and introduced him to Chief Robl and other staff on duty. He then visited the Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD), met staff on duty and spent time with Acting Fire Chief Arndt who showed him around the facility and around the City boundaries. After a short break to catch his breath, he came back to the Fire Department with his wife and children and had dinner with the staff and volunteers who were in attendance for their Tuesday night training. Mr. Jager shared with the group about his background and training and his leadership style, and he responded to questions from the group. I also attended the dinner and after it was over, a couple of the volunteers shared positive feedback with me about Mr. Jager. He stayed after dinner, taking time to have one on one conversations with staff and volunteer members who had more questions. In follow-up conversations, HVFD staff and volunteers expressed they are encouraged by their interactions with Mr. Jager.

Mr. Jager is a lifelong Alaskan who started his career as a volunteer fire fighter and worked his way up the ranks as Senior Captain, Lieutenant, and Assistant Fire Chief. He also has extensive experience serving in the roles of Fire Marshal and Fire Investigator/Prevention Officer. He's currently working in Juneau, and has also served in Cordova, Fairbanks/North Pole, Valdez, Anchorage, and in Washington State.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution confirming the City Manager's appointment of Daniel Jager as Fire Chief for the City of Homer.