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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 26-010(A)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAIL PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN INFORMAL LOOP TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF HORNADAY PARK.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer owns multiple adjacent parcels of land in the vicinity of Hornaday Park that present an opportunity for a connected loop trail providing recreational access, scenic views, and improved non-motorized connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Public input has demonstrated strong community interest in a loop trail concept that prioritizes scenic experience, length of travel, and a sense of journey over shortest-distance or efficiency-based routing; and

WHEREAS, The City Council wishes to ensure that any future trail development in this area is informed by professional planning that is sensitive to terrain, soils, drainage, erosion risk, environmental impacts, and long-term maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The existing informal loop route is approximately one mile in length, consisting of approximately 0.45 mile of road/trail constructed decades ago that is 8 feet wide with switchbacks and imported materials; approximately 0.45 mile of unimproved footpaths and game trails; and approximately 0.16 mile of road in an existing campground; and involves approximately 370 feet of cumulative elevation change distributed gradually over the loop; and

WHEREAS, The City's adopted Trails Standards Manual identifies Level 2 and Level 3 trails as context-sensitive trail types that emphasize native or lightly improved surfaces, alignment-based drainage, limited excavation, and minimized use of imported materials, making them appropriate where heavy equipment access and intensive construction are impractical; and

WHEREAS, Effective trail planning for this area will benefit from on-site field review and engagement with local individuals and organizations familiar with the land and existing informal trail use; and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes that successful trail planning and design in this setting requires experience designing trails in Alaska or in environments with comparable terrain, soils, vegetation, climate, and access constraints; and

44 WHEREAS, Seasonal vegetation growth limits the window during which on-the-ground
45 review can be conducted efficiently, and timely issuance of the Request for Proposals will allow
46 the selected contractor to complete site visits and local walk-throughs prior to **mid-**
47 **September 2026** ~~mid-June 2026~~, to the extent practicable; and

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49 WHEREAS, It is desirable for any proposed trail alignment to minimize steep slopes and
50 removal of trees and shrubs where feasible in order to reduce erosion risk, improve long-term
51 sustainability, and support future permitting feasibility.

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53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER,
54 ALASKA that the Council hereby directs the City Manager to issue a request for proposals, in a
55 timely manner, for professional trail planning and design services for the evaluation and
56 design of an informal loop trail in the vicinity of Karen Hornaday Park, with the following
57 direction for inclusion in the RFP:

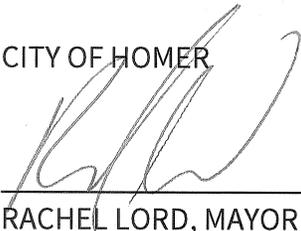
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- 59 • Seeking qualifications that include demonstrated experience in trail planning, design,
60 or construction in Alaska or in environments with comparable physical and climatic
61 conditions.
 - 62 • The Scope of Work should include:
 - 63 ○ Emphasis on trail concepts consistent with ~~Level 2 and Level 3~~ trail
64 classifications as defined in the City of Homer Trails Standards Manual.
 - 65 ○ On-site field review of the project area and engagement with local individuals
66 and organizations familiar with the land and existing informal trail use, in order
67 to inform alignment and design recommendations.
 - 68 ○ To the extent practicable, identification of a trail alignment that avoids wet
69 areas, minimizes erosion risk, and seeks to utilize slopes of less than fifteen
70 percent (15%) where feasible. If an alignment meeting this slope objective is not
71 practicable, the proposer should provide recommendations for steps the City
72 could take to facilitate future zoning permit issuance should the City ultimately
73 decide to proceed with formal trail construction.
 - 74 ○ Route selection that minimizes the need for removal of existing trees and
75 shrubs. Pruning and removal of branches to accommodate trail clearance and
76 safety is always appropriate.
 - 77 ○ Completion of on-the-ground review and local walk-throughs to occur prior to
78 **mid-September 2026** ~~mid-June 2026~~, to the extent practicable, in recognition
79 of seasonal vegetation growth and site accessibility considerations.
 - 80 ○ A presentation to the City Council of the trail planning and design
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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager will coordinate a presentation of the
83 trail planning and design products from this RFP as soon as possible following the
84 completion of the project.

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86 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 26th day of January, 2026.

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RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: Staff time and advertising.

