

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 13-095**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO KEEP THE HOMER EDUCATION  
AND RECREATION COMPLEX (HERC) GYMNASIUM OPEN FOR  
PICKLEBALL, BASKETBALL, AND OTHER COMMUNITY RECREATION  
PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE ONLY MINIMAL HEAT AND UTILITIES UNTIL  
SUCH TIME AS THE BUILDING IS DEMOLISHED.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer does not have the funds to refurbish the HERC Building or to  
operate and maintain it and it has been unsuccessful in identifying a suitable use for it going forward;  
and

WHEREAS, At a recent CIP Planning workshop, the City Council decided that it was in the best  
interest of the community to demolish the building and use the land as the site of a proposed new  
public safety building; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of steps which must be taken before the building can be  
demolished including identifying the funding for demolition and selecting a contractor through the  
City's procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, Minimal heat must be maintained in the building whether it is in use or not in order  
to prevent pipes from freezing and snow from accumulating on the flat roof; and

WHEREAS, Pickleball, adult basketball, and other City of Homer Community Recreation  
Programs are very popular and make a large contribution to community health and the quality of life;  
and

WHEREAS, These programs involve vigorous physical activity and do not require heat above  
the minimal setting already used to keep the building in "warm status"; and

WHEREAS, Advocates for these programs have requested that the gymnasium remain open  
with minimal heat and utilities until such time as the building is demolished.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council finds that the gymnasium remains an  
asset for as long as the HERC building remains standing and that it would be in the best interest of the  
community to use it provided that maintenance and utility costs are minimal; and

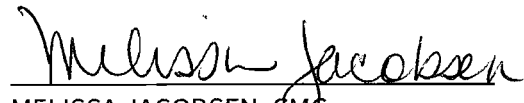
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to keep the  
HERC gymnasium open for pickleball, basketball, and other City of Homer Community Recreation  
Programs that require only minimal heat and utilities until such time as the building is demolished.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013

CITY OF HOMER

  
MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated additional \$15,000 for electric and maintenance; \$7,500 in 2013 and \$7,500 in 2014.

