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47 WHEREAS, Homer City Code contains specific requirements applicable to development
48 on slopes of greater than fifteen percent (15%), including requirements related to vegetation
49 disturbance, grading, drainage, and engineering review; and

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51 WHEREAS, The City Council desires that any planning effort proceed in a manner fully
52 consistent with Homer City Code requirements related to affected slopes, vegetation
53 disturbance, drainage, and erosion prevention; and

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55 WHEREAS, The City Council finds that a lower-cost, route-focused planning effort is
56 appropriate prior to consideration of more extensive engineering or bid-ready construction
57 design work; and

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59 WHEREAS, This resolution is contingent on the adoption of Ordinance 26-30 that
60 appropriates funding for the project.

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62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby
63 directs the City Manager to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals for professional trail
64 planning services focused primarily on identification and conceptual planning of the most
65 feasible low-impact return trail route connecting the upper (north) end of the existing primitive
66 roadbed back down to Karen Hornaday Park.

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68 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposals shall emphasize:

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- 70 a. Selection of a scenic and meandering wilderness-style trail alignment to be developed
 - 71 at Level 1 as defined by the City of Homer's Trail Design Criteria Manual;
 - 72 b. Avoidance of wet areas and erosion-prone terrain where feasible;
 - 73 c. Preference for natural or lightly improved trail surfaces wherever feasible;
 - 74 d. Minimization of excavation, grading, imported materials, retaining structures, and
 - 75 other major structural interventions;
 - 76 e. Minimization of tree and shrub removal;
 - 77 f. Preference for trail alignments utilizing slopes of less than fifteen percent (15%) where
 - 78 feasible, and no more than 20% if underlying soil is sand, silt or clay, or 30% if gravel,
 - 79 the maximums allowable per the city's Trail Design Criteria Manual;
 - 80 g. Avoidance, where feasible, of trail alignments requiring removal of trees or shrubs,
 - 81 especially on slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%), recognizing that such
 - 82 disturbance would constitute development activity under Homer City Code and thus
 - 83 trigger requirements for geotechnical engineering assessment;
 - 84 h. Conceptual recommendations for minimal-intervention approaches for crossings of
 - 85 any unavoidable wet areas, drainage areas, or groundwater seeps; including
 - 86 recommendations for any time-sensitive drainage-related or erosion-control work that
 - 87 might be recommended for the existing roadbed.
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89 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposals shall direct that field
90 investigation activities may include pruning of vegetation necessary for route identification
91 and evaluation, but shall not include removal of trees or shrubs, grading, excavation, or other
92 land disturbance activities that may require engineering review or permitting under Homer
93 City Code.

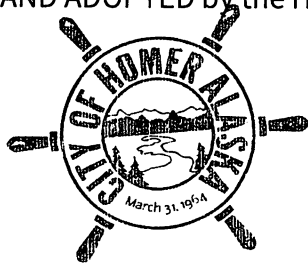
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95 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposals shall request identification, in
96 consultation with City staff, of any specific areas where additional engineering assessment,
97 geotechnical review, or future permitting may be necessary due to slope conditions, drainage
98 concerns, or unavoidable vegetation disturbance regulated under Homer City Code.

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100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposals shall include evaluation of a
101 potential trail easement option along a scenic and relatively stable ridgeline adjacent to the
102 western boundary of the City-owned property above Karen Hornaday Park, recognizing that
103 the adjacent landowner has expressed openness to granting such an easement. If determined
104 feasible, the evaluation shall include recommendations regarding whether the City should
105 pursue this option in order to improve the scenic quality and recreational value of the
106 proposed looped hiking trail.

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108 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposals is intended primarily as a route
109 identification and conceptual trail planning effort and is not intended to request bid-ready
110 engineering plans, retaining wall design, structural stabilization design, or full civil engineering
111 design of the existing primitive roadbed.

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113 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution prevents the City from
114 separately studying or pursuing future stabilization, drainage, erosion-control, or safety
115 improvements associated with the existing primitive roadbed if determined appropriate by the
116 City Council at a later date.

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118 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 22nd day of June, 2026.



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123 SHELLEY ERICKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM
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125 ATTEST:

126 *Amy Woodruff*
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128 AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK

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130 Fiscal note: N/A