

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 City Manager/Lewis/Zak

4 RESOLUTION 14-035
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 SUPPORTING HOMER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S (AKA HOMER
8 ICE RINK) EFFORTS TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE
9 OF THE EXISTING ICE RINK FACILITIES.
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11 WHEREAS, An ice rink is an important source of all-weather winter recreation for the
12 city of Homer, Alaska, and surrounding areas, including Ninilchik, Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk,
13 Kachemak Selo, and other Kenai Peninsula communities; and
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15 WHEREAS, Homer's ice rink serves as a wholesome source of competition and exercise
16 for individuals of all ages; and
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18 WHEREAS, Activities at Homer's ice rink foster sportsmanship, a sense of fair play, and
19 a sense of community; and
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21 WHEREAS, The current facility, built in 2005, is heavily used by the community with
22 weekly visits in excess of 800 persons; and
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24 WHEREAS, In 2013/14, the Homer ice rink has been the site of 72 youth games, 16 out-
25 of-town team practices, 3 jamboree tournaments, and 11 high school games, all of which
26 attract winter visitors to Homer; and
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28 WHEREAS, The Homer Ice Rink has been operated successfully as the Homer Hockey
29 Association non-profit 501(c)(3) since 1996; and
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31 WHEREAS, The Homer rink is the only non-profit run rink in Alaska and one of only four
32 in the United States; and
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34 WHEREAS, The coaches, managers, Board of Directors, and other members of HHA
35 have contributed 14,000 volunteer hours in the 2013-14 season; and
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37 WHEREAS, The Homer Hockey Association has successfully operated the rink and its
38 programs for over nine years; and

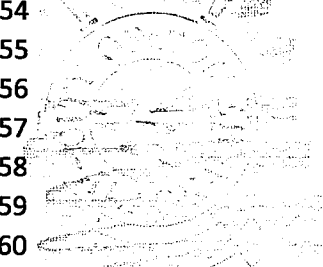
39 WHEREAS, One of the reasons for this success was the requirement of repayment of
40 only the interest on the loan used to finance construction of the rink; and

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42 WHEREAS, In the Fall of 2015, Homer Hockey Association will be required to make
43 payments on the loan principle, more than doubling monthly expenses on the rink; and

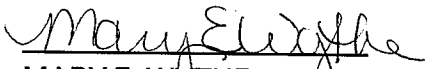
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45 WHEREAS, These additional financial burdens will make rink operations fiscally
46 impossible.


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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports efforts by
49 Homer Hockey Association members and supporters to secure funding to purchase the rink,
50 free the Homer Hockey Association from the building debt burden, and thus guarantee the
51 future of the tremendous community asset that is the Homer Ice Rink.

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53 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of March, 2014.



CITY OF HOMER


MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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61 ATTEST:
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65 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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67 Fiscal Note: N/A

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