1 2	CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA
3	Councilmember Zak
4	ORDINANCE 15-09
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6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7	AMENDING SUBSECTION (d) OF HOMER CITY CODE SECTION
8	21.58.020, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, TO DELETE THE ONE-
9	ACRE MINIMUM LOT AREA FOR SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS.
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11	WHEREAS, Wind energy systems have become more sophisticated and diverse since
12	the existing wind turbine definitions, standards, and other governing ordinances of the city of
13	Homer, Alaska, were created in 2009; and
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15	WHEREAS, The Homer City Code currently lacks standards recognizing that there are
16	now new types of wind energy systems that have much smaller underlying footprints and
17	dramatically lowered noise levels; and
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19	WHEREAS, The Homer City Code currently lacks standards recognizing that there are
20	now new types of wind energy systems that have largely eliminated the potential harm to
21	birds; and
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23	WHEREAS, The Homer City Code currently lacks standards recognizing that there are
24	now new types of wind energy systems that have much greater stamina with respect to
25	Alaskan weather; and
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27	WHEREAS, The Homer City Code currently lacks standards recognizing that modern
28	wind turbines create the opportunity to decentralize locally and, as a result, better deal with
29	climate change, natural disasters, and terrorism; and
30	WILLEDEAS The Climate Action Plan of the City of Heavening
31	WHEREAS, The Climate Action Plan of the City of Homer encourages renewable energy
32	to reduce fossil fuel use and carbon emissions; and
33 34	WHEREAS The cost of electric newer has become a review financial in a
	WHEREAS, The cost of electric power has become a serious financial issue for the citizens and small businesses of Homer.
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37	NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:
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39	Section 1 Subsection (d) of Homor City Code 21 E9 020 Installation requirements is
10	<u>Section 1.</u> Subsection (d) of Homer City Code 21.58.020, Installation requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:
11	nereby amended to read as follows.
12	d. Dimensional Requirements.
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1. The distance from a small wind energy system to the closest property line may not be less than 1.1 times its total height. 2. All guy wires, cables and other accessory support structures for a small wind energy system must be on the same lot as the small wind energy system, but may be located within required setback areas, and shall be properly jacketed to ensure visible safety standards. Section 2. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code. ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 26th day of , 2015. CITY OF HOMER ATTEST: HNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK YES: NO: 2 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: -0 First Reading: 4/13/15. Referred to Planning Commission Public Hearing: 5/26/15 Second Reading: 5/26/15 Effective Date: 5/27/15 Reviewed and approved as to form. Mary K. Koester, City Manager Thomas Klinkner, City Attorney

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Date: 5-28-15

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