

**Municipality
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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**Resolution 2019-09
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

Resolution supporting Secure Trash Ordinance AO 2019-74(S), and requesting that the Municipal Manager and Anchorage Assembly designate Girdwood Valley Service Area as a Secure Trash Regulation Zone.

Whereas, Girdwood is a small and densely developed community situated in the heart of prime brown and black bear habitat; and

Whereas, the people of Girdwood understand the responsibility to the wildlife whose home we share and seek to minimize human bear conflict; and

Whereas, Girdwood is a resort community with a large number of second homes, short-term rental properties and other temporary visitors, and

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has experienced recurring conflicts with bears in our community with six bears killed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in 2018; and

Whereas, almost 90% of Girdwood's residential customers for-curb side waste pickup already choose to use bear-resistant trash carts; and


Whereas, following multiple public meetings during the summer and Fall of 2018, Girdwood Board of Supervisors passed resolution 2018-18 requesting that the Assembly mandate bear-resistant containers in Girdwood; and

Whereas, the current Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) code lacks clear and enforceable measures requiring trash to be secured from bears; and

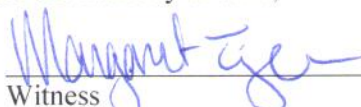
Whereas, the MOA, through the Assembly, has introduced a Secure Trash Ordinance to require improved trash handling throughout the Municipality, including a mechanism for the Municipal Manager to designate Secure Trash Regulation Zones where bear-resistant trash storage is mandatory.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports AO 2019-74(S) and requests that the on passage the Municipal Manager and the Assembly designate Girdwood Valley Service Area as a Secure Trash Regulation Zone at the earliest possible opportunity.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors the 17th day of June, 2019 by a vote of 5 to 0.


Mike Edgington
Girdwood Land Use Supervisor

6/17/19
Date


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