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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**Resolution 2021-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR
DESIGN VARIANCE FOR THE NEW GIRDWOOD CLINIC**

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood has been served by the Girdwood Clinic for the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, throughout that time, the Girdwood Clinic has shifted in location, adapted business model to address the needs of the community, and has continued to evolve in providing quality, affordable care to residents of Girdwood and the Turnagain Arm; and

WHEREAS, The Girdwood Clinic and its Board of Directors worked diligently to meet the strict requirements to become a federally qualified non-profit health care center, achieving this goal in 2015; and

WHEREAS, once the Girdwood Clinic's operational mission and goals were realized, the Board of Directors shifted focus to improve the facility in which it operates to meet the needs and expectations of a modern health care center; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Clinic has now secured the majority of funding needed to remove the original re-purposed 1970's era post office facility and adjoining temporary trailers, and to replace them with a modern energy-efficient, permanent facility built for the purpose of health care; and

WHEREAS, the new building will improve health care available in the community by doubling the number of exam rooms, providing separate space for x-ray, behavioral health, lab and medication rooms, improved accessibility to and from the ambulance bay, and modern air handling systems, and

WHEREAS, the community experience will be enhanced by the addition of a modern, attractive building with landscaping, additional outdoor bench seating, and overhanging roofline that will shield pedestrians from rain and maintain a pedestrian walkway free from ice and snow; and

WHEREAS, the new building will increase staff support space, including on-site laundry, changing rooms and improved work space, all of which will result in increased safety and service for staff and patients; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Clinic and their design team has addressed possible negative impacts of the new building, including parking concerns and building size; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors recognizes that in order to meet the needs of the community in this location, the new building will require design variance from the wall length and alignment alteration depth requirements of AMC 21.09.080.F.2.d; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors finds that the design of the new building still meets the overall intent of AMC 21.09.080.F.2.d;

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write this Resolution of Support by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstaining at their regular meeting on April 12 2021;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the design variance application to allow for alteration of the alignment depth on the east elevation and length on the north elevation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 19th day of April 2021.



Mike Edgington, GBOS Land Use Chair

April 20, 2021
Date



Attest