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of
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Resolution 2022-10

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR HOUSE BILL 411**

WHEREAS Girdwood has several economic development needs including, but not limited to, building additional commercial property and office space and provision of adequate attainable-cost housing to support a local workforce; and

WHEREAS time-limited tax exemptions are one of the tools available to municipalities to encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS in 2017 the 30th Alaska legislature passed SB100 which modified AS 29.45.050(m) to broaden the options for municipalities to provide property tax exemptions for economic development property; and

WHEREAS SB100 also added a new prohibition to those same economic development tax exemptions from applying to taxes levied by an elected Service Area Board, even if the service area board is in favor of the tax exemption; and

WHEREAS the community of Girdwood provides itself an extensive set of local services through Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) including Police service, Fire protection, Roads & Drainage and Parks & Recreation; and

WHEREAS GVSA is managed by an elected Board, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS); and

WHEREAS almost half of the taxes levied in Girdwood are for GVSA-provided services, so are currently ineligible for tax exemption under AS 29.45.050(m), significantly limiting the value of any such economic development incentives; and

WHEREAS the 32nd Alaska legislature is currently considering bill HB411 to allow tax exemptions on economic development property in service areas with an elected board, with a mechanism for that elected board to pass a timely veto to the application of the tax exemption within the service area if they so decide.

THEREFORE, GBOS urges support of HB411 to allow communities such as Girdwood the full application of municipal property tax exemptions for economic development property

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 4th day of May, 2022.

Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-chair and Land Use Supervisor

Date

5/4/22

Attest