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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR No. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE FOREST PARK TRAILER PARK INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES AND POTENTIALLY IMMINENT EVICTION ACTION OF MOBILE HOME OWNERS, AND COMMITTING TO EXPLORING SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORTING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.

WHEREAS, the Forest Park Trailer Park suffered significant damage to its infrastructure during the 2018 earthquake, and its water well sources, water distribution and treatment system, and sewerage infrastructure have fallen into a state of disrepair and damage, rendering the manufactured homes there unsafe for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the immediate dislocation or displacement of the residents of Forest Park Trailer Court, would place over a hundred persons at risk of experiencing homelessness and compound an already volatile homelessness crisis in the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is currently experiencing a shortage of affordable housing and already struggling to pair individuals currently experiencing homelessness with resources and programs designed to shelter them and put them back on path to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, trailer parks, known as manufactured home communities in the municipal code AMC subsection 21.05.030A.8., are typically owned by one person or entity that's responsible to provide for utility, water and sewerage connections and infrastructure for the park spaces, and individual mobile home owners lack authority or control over such utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Forest Park mobile home owners were generally powerless to address the damage and deficiencies of the water and sewerage systems and unfortunately adversely impacted by those failures; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, there was a community meeting in which many of the Forest Park homeowners spoke indicating their desire to stay in their homes as well as issues they had in accessing the current optional relocation program through NeighborWorks Alaska, including around the affordability of rents and finding a suitable unit or space to relocate their mobile home, even with the potential for rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) currently funds a mobile home repair program through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the recipient of the funds in the current Community Action Plan is RurAL Cap; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, the MOA mobile home repair program is intended to benefit families
3 with low-incomes who occupy or own mobile homes in need of minor repairs and in
4 the Municipality of Anchorage; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, under the mobile home repair program, families receive repairs of
7 conditions that threaten the health or safety of their households; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the MOA allocation to the mobile home repair project
10 through CDBG funding, the State of Alaska also has CDBG Disaster Relief (CDBG-
11 DR) funding from the 2018 earthquake;

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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15 **Section 1.** To call on the Code Enforcement Division of the Administration to
16 forebear from posting any Notice to Vacate upon the residents of Forest Park Trailer
17 Court for no less than 90 days to allow for the exploration of an intermediate
18 remediation option. This does not ask for the forbearance of other enforcement
19 actions.

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21 **Section 2.** Refer this matter to the Housing and Homelessness Committee to work
22 with the Administration, the Forest Park Trailer Park owner, and individual mobile
23 homeowners to explore the feasibility of:

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- 25 • Short-term remediation options including, but not limited to, independent
26 water tanks and composting or other self-contained toilets per unit; and
 - 27 • Medium-term solutions focusing on identifying sources of funds potentially
28 available to be provided directly to residents to facilitate their relocation or
29 remediation, specifically focusing on the potential additional funding or other
30 programmatic options through the CDBG-DR process in order to make these
31 options available to all Forest Park homeowners.
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33 **Section 3.** In no later than 30 days, the Housing and Homelessness Committee
34 shall provide a report to the Assembly identifying feasible short-term remediation
35 options and making specific recommendations as to their implementation.

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37 **Section 4.** In no later than 60 days, the Housing and Homelessness Committee
38 shall provide a report to the Assembly proposing long term solutions to resolve the
39 current crisis at Forest Park Trailer Court, including estimates of financial resources
40 required to enact those proposed solutions, and identifying potential sources of
41 funding in addition to the currently allocated MOA CDBG funds may be needed
42 through the CDBG-DR funding in order to make these options available to all Forest
43 Park homeowners.

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45 **Section 5.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
46 approval by the Assembly.

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48 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
49 of _____, 2023.
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ATTEST:

Chair of the Assembly

Municipal Clerk

