

## ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2026-xx

1     **A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO EVALUATE AND ESTABLISH A WILDFIRE  
2     INTERFACE SERVICE AREA (WISA) TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM RISK MITIGATION  
3     AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGH-RISK WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE  
4     ZONES.**

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6     **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage faces increasing risk of wildland-urban  
7     interface (WUI) wildfire events due to topography, vegetation patterns, and development  
8     in fringe areas; and

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10    **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), adopted by the  
11    Municipality, identifies the need for localized, long-term funding mechanisms to support  
12    wildfire mitigation and community protection in WUI areas; and

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14    **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Bowl has experienced decades of outward expansion, much  
15    of it supported by external (state or federal) capital without local lifecycle funding  
16    mechanisms, resulting in a long-term cost burden on the entire municipal tax base; and

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18    **WHEREAS**, the spatial disparity in wildfire risk and emergency service access creates  
19    inequities in service costs and exposure, particularly for areas such as Hillside, Bear  
20    Valley, Eagle River fringe, and Turnagain Arm; and

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22    **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly has the authority under the Anchorage Municipal  
23    Charter and Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC Title 27) to establish new service areas,  
24    subject to voter approval, for the purpose of providing dedicated services and funding  
25    mechanisms for defined geographic regions; and

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27    **WHEREAS**, a Wildfire Interface Service Area (WISA) would provide a mechanism for fair  
28    and proportional cost-sharing by properties in wildfire-prone areas, funding services such  
29    as fuel mitigation, emergency route maintenance, fire-adapted infrastructure, and  
30    community risk reduction programs.

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

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34    **Section 1.** The Anchorage Assembly intends to evaluate the creation of a Wildfire  
35    Interface Service Area (WISA), which may include, but is not limited to, neighborhoods  
36    identified in the CWPP as moderate-to-high wildfire risk zones.

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38    **Section 2.** The Assembly requests that the Office of Emergency Management,  
39    Anchorage Fire Department, and Geographic Information Systems Division collaborate to  
40    develop a proposed service area boundary using CWPP data, parcel information, and fire  
41    incident risk overlays.

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43    **Section 3.** The Administration is further requested to evaluate funding mechanism  
44    options, including a dedicated mill rate, parcel-based fee, or tiered assessments, and to  
45    provide estimated revenue capacity and service cost alignment.

**Section 4.** The results of this analysis shall be presented to the Assembly no later than DATE?, along with recommendations on proceeding with a formal ordinance and a public process to establish a WISA under AMC Title 27.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

## Chair

**ATTEST:**

## Municipal Clerk