

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2026-xx**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **Section 4.** The results of this analysis shall be presented to the Assembly no later  
2 than **DATE?**, along with recommendations on proceeding with a formal ordinance and a  
3 public process to establish a WISA under AMC Title 27.  
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5 **Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.  
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7 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
8 2026.  
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Municipal Clerk