

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2023-146, As Amended**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
2 **ESTABLISHING A TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF**  
3 **SANCTIONED CAMPS.**  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly approved AR 2023-127 on April 11, 2023, a resolution  
6 adopting a demobilization plan for emergency shelter provided by the Municipality  
7 during the 2022-2023 winter season, which included the idea of the Assembly  
8 creating a task force to explore the possibility of sanctioned camps; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, sanctioned camps are not a new concept in the Municipality, with  
11 various community advocates and non-profits putting forward proposals over the  
12 decades; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, sanctioned camps have been implemented in other jurisdictions in  
15 Alaska, including Mill Campground in Juneau, and around the country, including  
16 Dignity Village in Portland, Oregon, and the Temporary Safe Outdoor Space in  
17 Missoula, Montana; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the success of sanctioned camps, in part, relies on having buy-in from  
20 individuals staying at the camp, ensuring enforcement of rules, **using recognized**  
21 **best practices**, and picking appropriate locations; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, in June of 2021, the administration made the decision to use Centennial  
24 Campground as a de-facto sanctioned camp, leading many in our community to  
25 have a negative view of this idea; and  
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27 **WHEREAS**, this task force will provide needed guidance to the Anchorage  
28 Assembly and Municipal Administration as we explore the idea of sanctioned  
29 camps.  
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**  
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33 **Section 1.** To create a special time-limited task force with the purpose of convening  
34 and presenting suggestions to the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal  
35 Administration regarding sanctioned camps within the Municipality.  
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37 **Section 2.** The task force shall be convened by the Chair of the Housing and  
38 Homelessness Committee or their designee, who shall determine its membership  
39 from a broad array of providers, stakeholder organizations to include community  
40 councils, and Municipal agencies, and meet publicly and provide prior public notice  
41 of its meetings. An offer shall be extended to the Administration to be a member of  
42 the task force. If a designee is chosen to convene the task force, the Assembly shall  
43 be notified by AIM.  
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1 **Section 3.** The task force’s recommendations shall include, but is not limited to: all  
2 possible locations considered for sanctioned camps, proposals for neighborhood  
3 mitigation and client safety, cost estimates, necessary code changes, and a  
4 template operating plan.

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6 **Section 4.** The task force’s recommendations shall comply with AR 2018-167, As  
7 Amended.

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9 **Section 5.** The task force shall provide bi-weekly reports of its activities to the  
10 Assembly through the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and  
11 Homelessness.

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13 **Section 6.** No later than July 6, 2023, the task force shall submit a report via AIM  
14 for inclusion in the addendum to the Assembly’s meeting agenda, to include any  
15 proposed code change and appropriation requests, for review at a Housing and  
16 Homelessness Committee meeting.

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19 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of April, 2023.

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Chair

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30 Municipal Clerk