

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-211**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING
SITE-SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NEW PERMANENT YEAR-ROUND LOW-BARRIER
MUNICIPALLY OWNED SHELTER.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly approved AR 2023-97, As Amended, a resolution adopting the Clean Slate Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Slate Strategy's main goal is to get a permanent year-round low-barrier shelter operational by November 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, while this process envisions the Municipality owning the chosen shelter site, it does not envision the Municipality managing or operating shelter; and

WHEREAS, to date, the process to achieve this goal has focused on community engagements around shelter and what well-run shelter could look like in or community; and

WHEREAS, the current phase of work involves the creation and adoption of site-selection criteria to assist in the next phase of work focused on identifying a variety of possible locations for shelter; and

WHEREAS, AMC 21.03.140 provides a mandatory process for Public Facility site selection, unless a proposed site is subject to conditional use approval; and

WHEREAS, homeless and transient shelters are considered conditional uses in areas zoned as PLI and B-3; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Municipality has never formally adopted site-selection criteria for shelter as a matter of public policy but instead relied on various working groups and task forces to develop criteria; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of other factors, including neighborhood mitigation, client safety, and more, that will be considered during later phases of work; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the Municipality formally adopt site-selection criteria for the selection of a new permanent year-round low-barrier shelter that will be Municipally owned;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Assembly supports the below site-selection criteria for new permanent year-round low-barrier shelter chosen as part of the Clean Slate Strategy and which is Municipally owned.

Section 2. The Assembly establishes the following screening criteria as required

characteristics for any sites selected, in addition to requirements of Title 21 for conditional use approval, unless a waiver is presented to the Assembly for approval:

- The property or properties must 1) be zoned PLI or B3; or 2) have the written support from the Anchorage Health Department Director to trigger Title 16 emergency shelter provisions while the property or properties are rezoned.
- For every individual, there must be 50 square feet of space for each sheltered individual's personal use at a minimum, plus additional space for administration and services.
- If an existing building, the property or properties must be unoccupied and available and be in fair condition or better as determined in writing by Building Safety.
- The property or properties must be ADA compliant or be easily brought up to compliance.
- The capital costs required to acquire the site and bring it to habitable condition must be within the available budget and a capital budget must be presented to the Assembly for consideration. In addition, startup costs and the first quarter of operating costs must be factored at \$2.5 million during site selection.

Section 3. The Assembly establishes the following additional criteria for any sites selected as preferred characteristics:

- The property or properties should not lie within 500-feet of a school, licensed childcare facility, or playground.
- The property or properties should lie within a quarter mile of public transportation.
- The property or properties should have the ability to create a visibility buffer.
- The property or properties should be able to be occupied and operational as shelter between November 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

Christopher Constant

Chair

Janie Lum

Municipal Clerk