ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2022-xxx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY PERMITTING THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 E 36TH AVENUE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
THE GOLDEN LION HOTEL, TO BE DESIGNATED, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS,
AS EMERGENCY SHELTER AS PART OF THE MUNICIPALITY’S EMERGENCY
SHELTER PLAN; CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES AS
EMERGENCY SHELTERS; AND RATIFYING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF NOT
TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS ($1,217,000) PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR ADULT
EMERGENCY SHELTERING AND THE APPROPRIATION OF NOT TO EXCEED
ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,216,000)
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAILS SALES TAX FUND (206000) FUND
BALANCE TO THE ANCHORAGE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR
EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTERING, BOTH AS APPROVED IN AR
2022-293, AS AMENDED; AND APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND FIVE
HUNDRED DOLLARS ($1,102,500) OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAILS
SALES TAX FUND (206000) FUND BALANCE TO THE ANCHORAGE HEALTH
DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERING.

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 16.120, Emergency Shelter Plan
for Homeless Persons, provides for the activation and deactivation of designated
emergency shelters under certain weather conditions which occur annually in
Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, in AR 2022-293, as amended, the Assembly authorized five facilities to
be mobilized as emergency shelter locations when the Emergency Shelter Plan is
activated, including the property formerly known as the Golden Lion Hotel (1000 E.
36th Avenue), BLOCK 4A CENTRAL CITY SUBDIVISION (PLAT 76-245) (PID 003-
241-29) (the “Golden Lion”); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passage of AR 2022-293, as amended, the
Department of Law raised legal and practical concerns and challenges about use of
the Golden Lion as part of the Emergency Shelter Plan in a memorandum dated
September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to address and resolve those concerns and
temporarily authorize the Golden Lion facility to be designated and used as an
emergency shelter only when the Municipality’s Emergency Shelter Plan is
activated, overriding in part the restriction on use of the property approved by the
Assembly in AO 2020-66(S), as amended; and
WHEREAS, in addition, to ensure the availability of funds, this ordinance ratifies the appropriation and reappropriation approved in AR 2022-293, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Alex Hotel is now another available location the Anchorage Health Department intends to lease up to 50 units from, and requires an appropriation for such lease as well as the costs of operations for non-congregate housing during the emergency cold weather sheltering plan activation; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of prior ordinances or Code, the Assembly authorizes and permits the Golden Lion to be designated and used, on a temporary basis, as emergency shelter when the Municipality’s Emergency Shelter Plan is activated. This authorization shall expire April 30, 2023 and all restrictions on the Golden Lion superseded by this ordinance shall return in full force and effect upon expiration.

Section 2. The Acting Health Department Director is requested and directed to designate the facilities listed in AR 2022-xx, which amended the Municipality’s Emergency Shelter Plan adopted by AR 2022-293, as amended, as emergency shelters under AMC section 16.120.040 with appropriate conditions to accommodate these intended uses.

Section 3. The Assembly ratifies the reappropriation, in AR 2022-293, as amended, of an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars ($1,217,000) previously appropriated for adult emergency sheltering by AR 2022-221(S), As Amended, to the Anchorage Health Department 2022 Operating Budget, all within the Alcoholic Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000), to be used for emergency cold weather sheltering through December 31, 2022.

Section 4. The Assembly ratifies the appropriation, in AR 2022-293, as amended, of an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars ($1,216,000) of Alcoholic Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000) Fund Balance to the Anchorage Health Department 2022 Operating Budget, all within the Alcoholic Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000), to be used for emergency cold weather sheltering through December 31, 2022.

Section 5. That an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,102,500) of Alcoholic Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000) Fund Balance is hereby appropriated to the Anchorage Health Department 2022 Operating Budget, all within the Alcoholic Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000), to be used for emergency sheltering through December 31, 2022.

Section 6. The Clerk is directed to attach a copy of this Ordinance, as approved,
to AR 2022-293, As Amended.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ______ day of ________________, 2022.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk