A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR FOOD SERVICES AT ALL EMERGENCY
SHELTER LOCATIONS PROVIDED FOR BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage’s current contracts with providers of emergency shelter on its behalf within the Municipality have varied food service levels, including some locations which only offer one or two meals per day; and

WHEREAS, the then-named Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Task Force put forward revised recommendations on September 19, 2022, and has stated that providing three meals a day at emergency shelters is a best practice and would provide the best service for the clients; and

WHEREAS, to date, there has been no regular food services provided for the warming area of the Sullivan Arena; and

WHEREAS, the newly-named Emergency Shelter Task Force put forward a new set of recommendations on December 20, 2022, and including to provide regular meal service in the warming area, in addition to the emergency sheltering area; and

WHEREAS, as food is a necessity for all human life, the Municipality of Anchorage should set a standard level of food service of three meals a day at all of the public emergency shelter locations it provides;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. It is the policy of the Municipality of Anchorage that all emergency shelter locations provided for by the Municipality under AMC Chapter 16.120 shall provide a minimum food service level of three meals a day, to include breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This requirement does not extend to private sector providers of emergency shelter designated by the Anchorage Health Department whose services are not by contract with the Municipality.

Section 2. It is the policy of the Municipality of Anchorage that all warming areas that are part of the emergency shelter plan under AMC 16.120 shall provide the same level of food service as described in Section 1.

Section 3. If additional funds are required to implement this policy, the administration shall present a proposal, including a draft appropriation document and contract amendments for current operations, at the January meeting of the Assembly’s Housing and Homelessness Committee.
Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk