

AR 99-310(S)

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6 **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

7 **AR NO. 99-310(S)**

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9 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING**  
10 **A VARIABLE FLOW LEVEL OF CHENEY LAKE**  
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13 WHEREAS, Cheney Lake, at its current level of 210 feet, is an attractive, usable  
14 body of water that is home to various species of birds and fish as well as a pleasant site  
15 for recreation by residents of Anchorage; and

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17 WHEREAS, the major existing storm drain outfalling into the lake is submerged  
18 which may result in inadequate capacity during periods of high rainfall and is sometimes  
19 blocked with ice during Spring breakup; and

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21 WHEREAS, Baxter Road and Beaver Place are subject to intermittent flooding, from  
22 heaves and pavement failure; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Municipality has constructed substantial roadway, storm drain and  
25 park improvements based on a lake elevation of 207 feet; and

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27 WHEREAS, the administrative staff of the Municipality has taken the position that  
28 in order to make Baxter Road and Beaver Place safe and more easily maintained, the level  
29 of Cheney Lake should be lowered to an elevation of 207 feet, reducing the overall surface  
30 area of the lake by approximately 14%; and

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32 WHEREAS, the project plan has been reviewed by numerous Federal, State, and  
33 local agencies and necessary approvals and permits have been acquired; and

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35 WHEREAS, residents east of the lake, who were impacted by Phase 1 (the lake  
36 portion of the project), did not receive adequate notice and some residents believe that  
37 more palatable alternatives exist; while other residents were notified by community council  
38 and project mailings, have provided input on the project, and believe the project is  
39 proceeding as expected.

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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves**

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43 **Section 1:** That Cheney Lake shall be maintained at a variable flow level. Road  
44 construction, reconstruction, and maintenance as well as other public projects undertaken  
45 by the Municipality in the vicinity of Cheney Lake shall be accomplished in such a way as  
46 to ensure that the surface level of Cheney Lake retains a variable flow level between 207  
47 and 209 feet, or at the highest possible level that protects the public and private  
48 infrastructure from high-water damage.  
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4 **Section 2:** That the Municipality shall effect appropriate revegetation and restoration  
5 of riparian habitat as part of the project in consultation with the project's community  
6 advisory committee and habitat specialists.  
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8 **Section 3:** That the Municipality shall increase public involvement in Phase 2 of the  
9 project and seek consultation on road reconfiguration, pathways, landscaping, traffic  
10 calming, and other amenities.  
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12 **Section 4:** That the Municipality and their consultants shall work to better educate  
13 the public about the content, status, and time frames involved with Phase 2.  
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15 **Section 5:** That the Municipality shall consult with the public related to boating and  
16 other recreational activities on the lake as they impact the waterfowl and other habitat.  
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18 **Section 6:** That this resolution is effective upon passage and approval  
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20 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of  
21 October, 1999.  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

**Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

*AR 99-310(S)*

<b>1</b>	<b>SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT</b>		<b>DATE PREPARED</b> 10/19/99
	AR 99-310(S) - Recommending a Variable Flow Level of Cheney Lake		INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AR
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME George Wuerch	
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
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	Municipal Manager		
	Finance		
	Community Development and Planning		
	Property and Facility Management		
	Management Information Systems		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Purchasing		
	Operations Manager		
	Cultural and Recreational Services		
	Fire		
	Health and Human Services		
	Police		
	Public Works		
	Transit		
	Merrill Field (Airport)		
	Municipal Light and Power		
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater		
	Port		
	Solid Waste Services		
<b>5</b>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS		
	<i>Addendum</i>		
	<i>9.C.1. OLD BUSINESS</i>		
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE	<b>7</b>	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED
	<i>10/19/99</i>		<i>—</i>

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