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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2000- 70

1 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISPOSAL BY
2 DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER MULDOON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE FORMER
3 RUSSIAN JACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

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6 WHEREAS, a fire destroyed a significant portion of Russian Jack Elementary School on December 27,
7 1998; and

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9 WHEREAS, the fire resulted in significant damage to the structure including severe damage to 65% of the
10 building's roof area, the majority of the mechanical system, and the electrical system throughout the
11 building; and

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13 WHEREAS, the heat of the fire was so intense as to distort significant structural elements of the building;
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16 WHEREAS, the building contains PCB's as well as asbestos in the roofing materials, joint compound, pipe
17 fitting insulation, sheet vinyl, carpet mastic, cove base mastic, ceiling tiles, and duct work; and

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19 WHEREAS, if renovated, the building would be required to meet current building codes, including the
20 installation of sprinklers, regardless of the new use; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District has established a standard of 15 acres for elementary schools
23 and related playfields and parking; and

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25 WHEREAS, a new Russian Jack Elementary School has been built on the site of the burned school, located
26 only 60 feet from the old building; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a site plan for the new school which included
29 a soccer field to be located where the old building currently sits; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission found that the site plan, as approved, provides Russian
32 Jack Elementary students and the surrounding community with the same opportunities and amenities as
33 students housed in other new prototypical schools such as Trailside (which is located adjacent to Service
34 High School), Kincaid, William Tyson, and others; and

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36 WHEREAS, it will cost in excess of \$6 million to renovate the old building and bring it into code
37 compliance; and

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39 WHEREAS, neither the Anchorage School District nor the Municipality has funds available for the
40 renovation of this building, suggesting that the building may be required to sit in its current condition for
41 several years prior to being renovated; and
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1 WHEREAS, Municipal code requires abandoned buildings to be renovated or demolished within twelve
2 months after the building becomes abandoned; and
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4 WHEREAS, the greater good to the Russian Jack community is removal of this dangerous building to be
5 replaced with a soccer field for use by students and neighborhood residents; and
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7 WHEREAS, Muldoon Elementary School was constructed on a nine acre site from several temporary ATCO
8 trailers; and
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10 WHEREAS, the building was in a deteriorating condition when voters approved a bond proposition to
11 replace the existing Muldoon Elementary School; and
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13 WHEREAS, with the exception of four new kindergarten classrooms, the new Muldoon Elementary School
14 is nearly complete and students have moved in; and
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16 WHEREAS, in order to complete construction of the four classrooms it is necessary to demolish the old
17 school; and
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19 WHEREAS, without this demolition, there will not be adequate space on the site for outdoor playfields; and
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21 WHEREAS, the old Muldoon Elementary School is of little value to the community; and
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23 WHEREAS, a school site complete with adequate outdoor facilities has great value to the community;
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25 NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly ordains:
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27 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS
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29 Section 1. In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 25.30.020, the Assembly hereby
30 authorizes the Municipality's school district to dispose of the former Muldoon Elementary and Russian Jack
31 Elementary school buildings by demolition.
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33 Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the
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36 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of April, 2000.
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Chair of the Assembly

41 ATTEST:
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Municipal Clerk
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <i>3-21-00</i>
	<i>Disposal of Former Russian Jack Elementary School by ASD</i>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
		<i>AO</i>
2	DEPARTMENT NAME <i>Assembly</i>	DIRECTOR'S NAME
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
		DATE
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	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	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>APPENDIX</i>	
	<i>7.B. INTRODUCTION</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>3-21-00</i>	7
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>4-18-00</i>

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