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Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Department of Law

For reading: February 26, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO NO. 2002-30(S)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRACT B1, SEVENTH SUBDIVISION AND THE NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 OF SECTION EIGHT, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 18.6 ACRES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LORE ROAD EAST OF SANDLEWOOD PLACE AND NORTH OF EAST 79TH AVENUE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE USE OF FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK AS A RECREATIONAL AND BALL FIELDS SITE, SUBJECT TO VOTER BOND APPROVAL AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAND USE REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, there has been substantial community study, discussion, debate and consideration regarding the appropriate location of ball fields, including a study by Land Design North, particularly for the Simonian Little League use; and

WHEREAS, there is public disagreement about the use of portions of the Far North Bicentennial Park for ball fields; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and intended by this ordinance to provide options to be chosen by the voters; and

WHEREAS, there is very little time within which to acquire and development lands for ball fields prior to the current Simonian Little League fields becoming unavailable; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the community and the Municipality to resolve the question of location for the referenced ball fields and proceed as expeditiously as possible to develop such ball fields for use; and

WHEREAS, more than sufficient public process has now occurred and there is sufficient information and study to determine the appropriate public site selection for construction of ball fields and other recreational uses; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: Subject to the provisions of this ordinance and the availability of the funding specified in Section 2. of this ordinance, the following described property is hereby approved as and the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate for and acquire such as the site for immediate construction and development of ball fields and other appropriate recreational uses:

TRACT B1, SEVENTH SUBDIVISION, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA,
CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.5 ACRES

located

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LORE ROAD EAST OF HARTZELL ROAD
AND NORTH OF EAST 79TH AVENUE

Section 2. The source of funding for the approved acquisition of the real property described in Section 1. of this ordinance shall be limited to and only general obligation bonds specifically approved by the voters for such purpose at the special Municipal election April 2, 2002.


Section 3. Recognizing the existing public study and debate and the information regarding site selection is adequate to make a site-selection decision in the best interests of the Municipality and its citizens; and further recognizing the ballot proposition for bonding acquisition and development; therefore, notwithstanding any provision of the Anchorage Municipal Code to the contrary including provisions of existing land regulation plans approved by the Anchorage Municipal Code, there shall be no further notice, review and/or approval by any branch, department, agency, board or commission or official of the Municipality under any provision of the Anchorage Municipal Code required prior to the acquisition of the site described in Section 1. of this ordinance and all such provisions are hereby superceded by, but solely for the purposes of, this ordinance and its implementation.

Section 4. Except as otherwise specified therein, Section 3. of this ordinance shall not be read to override, supercede or obviate the standards or requirements of applicable zoning, building, fire and life safety codes otherwise applicable to the development of real property for recreational and ball field purposes, including applicable requirements for review and approval of specific site plans, prior to construction or development.

Section 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Simonian Little League for the use of ball fields to be constructed on the real property described in Section 1. of this ordinance in exchange for an agreement, in accordance with the existing recreational program for use of Municipal ball fields, by Simonian Little League to maintain the fields.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of March, 2002


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk