

APPROVED

Date: 3-5-02

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2002-68(S) as amended

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTING AN INDEPENDENT AND COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND REDUCING THE IMPACT OF SUCH PROGRAMS ON NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE ~~BEFORE A LONG TERM LEASE IS APPROVED FOR RELOCATION OF THE SHELTER ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY~~

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Municipality has principally addressed the needs of the chronic homeless and street inebriates in Anchorage through public support of a centralized, congregate shelter located in Fairview and operated as the Brother Francis Shelter by Catholic Social Services; and

WHEREAS, a quarter of a million dollars was recently spent to upgrade the Brother Francis Shelter; and

WHEREAS, despite recent renovations, the existing Brother Francis Shelter is expensive to maintain and is considered functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Social Services has requested a ground lease for less than fair market value from the Municipality for a period of forty (40) years in order to build a replacement shelter on Municipal property adjoining the current Brother Francis Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan directs public officials to "promote the availability of supportive housing opportunities for the homeless and for persons with special needs" and to "distribute throughout the Municipality residential facilities that are supported by government agencies and operated for health, social services, or correctional purposes;" and

WHEREAS, since the Brother Francis Shelter was opened in 1983, a comprehensive, independent professional evaluation of the effectiveness of the utilization of large, congregate shelters to address the primary needs of the chronic homeless and the street inebriate in Anchorage, as well as appropriate strategies for reducing the neighborhood impacts of congregate facilities has never been completed by the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Fairview Community Council, at a regular meeting, approved a motion to request the Municipality of Anchorage to perform an evaluation of the impact of the continuation of the Brother Francis Shelter Program on its neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

**Section 1:** That there shall be a comprehensive independent evaluation to consider and determine the most effective means to address the primary needs of the chronic homeless and public inebriates. The evaluation shall contain an action plan to reduce the impacts of the chronic homeless and public inebriates on nearby neighborhoods and the community at large. The evaluations shall be completed within eighteen ~~six~~ months.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 5 day of March 2002.

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

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Chair