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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2002-243 (S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SELF-INSURANCE FUND TO PAY THE COSTS OF JUDGMENTS OR SETTLEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES CLAIMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE INSURANCE TO COVER THOSE CLAIMS

WHEREAS. the Municipality of Anchorage self insures and maintains excess insurance coverage for general liability, automobile, and workers' compensation claims made against the General Government and Utilities; and

WHEREAS, recent trends in employment law show increasing numbers of claims are made against the Municipality over employment practices such as wrongful discharge, employee discipline, wage and hour issues, and under other legal theories for which the Municipality's existing self-insurance and excess insurance coverage is not available; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has traditionally paid settlements or judgments in employment practice cases from funds already appropriated for other purposes to the involved operating department, or from fund balance; and

WHEREAS, payment of judgments or settlements of employment practices claims from funds already budgeted to operating departments or from fund balance hinders responsible fiscal planning and can disrupt ongoing Municipal services and programs; and

WHEREAS, after review of their claims and prevailing insurance market conditions, other municipalities throughout the United States have addressed the challenge of mounting claims for employment practices through establishment of self-insurance programs and/or purchase of private insurance to cover these claims.

NOW. THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

no later than July 15, 2003 connection with the preparation of the annual budget for 2004, the Mayor shall complete Section 1: That in a study of employment practices claims made against the Municipality of Anchorage in the time period he deems relevant, a review of prevailing market conditions for available excess insurance coverage for those claims, and other relevant matters, in order to make and document a professional recommendation as to whether a program of self-insurance/excess coverage should be instituted within the Municipality of Anchorage. The Mayor's recommendations shall be forwarded to the Assembly.

Section 2: That all agencies of government as well as Municipal officials and employees, including private contractors to the Municipality shall cooperate with the Mayor in carrying out the purpose of this resolution and shall promotly furnish such information and access to records to complete this task.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6^{H} day of <u>August</u>, 2002.

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