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CITY OF ANCHORAGE

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT THE ALASKA TENNIS  
ASSOCIATION'S OFFER TO CONDUCT THE MUNICIPALITY'S SUMMER TENNIS  
TOURNAMENTS**

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, the Municipality of Anchorage has hosted two public court tennis tournaments - the Park and Recreation Open and the City Tennis Championships; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these events, along with the Municipality's youth and adult tennis lesson programs, is to promote the lifetime sport of tennis; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has contracted for professional services from Gregg Tracy to conduct the lesson program and the tournaments for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tracy moved out of state last Fall and the Municipality has not contracted for someone to replace his professional services; and

WHEREAS, because no replacement has been hired, the two historic summer tennis tournaments are in danger of not being held; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit group, the Alaska Tennis Association (ATA) has stepped forward and offered their volunteer services to help the Municipality conduct its own tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has responded that a court rental fee would be charged to the ATA for hosting a special event and suggested adding a surcharge to the entry fee to cover the costs; and

WHEREAS, the ATA is willing to add a small fee but not the increase amount suggested by the Municipality because it would discourage participation by lower socio-economic groups who only play in the summer months, due to the costs of private club membership; and

WHEREAS, the entry fees already pay for the entry forms, advertising, trophies, balls, and a tournament director, resulting in a break-even situation; and

WHEREAS, because of the lack of planning for this years' tournaments, the timeline is now such that the Park and Recreation Open, scheduled for the second week in June, will likely have to be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

**Section 1:** The Municipality of Anchorage shall allow the ATA to assist the Municipality in conducting the City Tennis Championships in July at the increased fee level suggested by the ATA, with the provision that any proceeds remaining after all tournament costs are paid be remitted to the Municipality.

**Section 2:** The Municipality shall work closely with the ATA over the next year to develop a policy for the continuation of these historic tournament events, with such policy directed toward encouraging maximum public participation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31<sup>st</sup> day of

May, 2005.

Anna L. Fairclough  
Chair

ATTEST:

Beth S. Brundage

Municipal Clerk