

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Assemblymember Janice Shamberg
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR 2006-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND
MAYOR MARK BEGICH TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF
STREET NAME CHANGES TO RESIDENTS OF TIMBERLINE DRIVE IN
GIRDWOOD**

“WHEREAS, the provisions in code governing street name changes do not provide notice to property owners abutting streets with duplicate names, the property owners and residents of Timberline Drive in Girdwood were not provided with notice of the issue coming before the Assembly and its potential consequences; and”

WHEREAS, the executive order only applied to changing Timberline Drive in Eagle River to Timber Ridge Drive; and

WHEREAS, there is concern that some members of the Assembly may not have fully understood the ramifications of allowing Timberline Drive in Eagle River to remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the action of the Assembly to grant an appeal of Executive Order 2005-031 has been inferred incorrectly by some to mean that the Timberline Drive located in Girdwood should be the one to have its name changed; and

WHEREAS, there are 116 parcels abutting Timberline in Girdwood versus 14 parcels using Timberline in Eagle River; and one church and 89 residences using Timberline in Girdwood as access to their properties versus eight residences in Eagle River; and

WHEREAS, both were officially designated as public right-of-ways when platted in 1970, but Timberline Drive in Girdwood was established as a private road in 1965 while the first house on Timberline in Eagle River wasn't built until 1979; and

WHEREAS, Timberline Drive is one of the longest residential streets in Girdwood and is used as the main access road into the largest subdivision in Girdwood; and

1 WHEREAS, the Timberline in Eagle River is a small peripheral road which only
2 provides access to eight residents living on it; and
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4 WHEREAS, Timberline Drive in Girdwood is 5,888 feet long with 13 roads
5 intersecting it and 13 streets signs would have to be replaced, while Timberline in Eagle
6 River branches off another road, is only 1,085 feet long, provides access to only those
7 properties located on it, and only one street sign would need replacement; and
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9 WHEREAS, by the time Timberline Drive name change is official, number
10 addresses will have already been assigned to Girdwood, forcing Girdwood residents to
11 change their addresses twice in a short period of time; and
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13 WHEREAS, it could postpone final addressing in Girdwood, now scheduled for
14 March 2006, posing a potential safety concern.
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16 NOW, THEREFORE, due to all the above, and specifically lack of public notice to
17 the Girdwood residents directly affected by this change who were thus inadvertently
18 deprived of their right to testify in opposition to the name change of Timberline Drive in
19 Girdwood, a new hearing shall be scheduled on _____, 2006 so that all
20 interested parties, both in Girdwood and Eagle River, are given the notice and
21 opportunity to speak on their own behalf.
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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this ____ day
24 of _____, 2006.
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30 Chairperson
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33 ATTEST:
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Municipal Clerk