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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2006-72**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE
INCLUSION OF PLACEHOLDER FOR A SEPARATE CHAPTER IN THE FINAL DRAFT OF
TITLE 21 OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY OF
CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER.**

WHEREAS, AMC 21.05.030 setting out the elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the Municipality recognizes the combined community of Chugiak-Eagle River as having unique elements deserving of inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan, separate from the elements included for the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Chugiak-Eagle River existed as distinct community within the Greater Anchorage Area Borough and supported local self-determination by voting for independence in 1974, prior to the unification of GAAB and the City of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Chugiak-Eagle River is in many ways autonomous and distinct from the rest of the Municipality, as it is outside the Anchorage Road Service Area, is served by its own Road Board, is outside the boundaries of the Anchorage Park system, has its own Park and Recreation system and Park Board, is outside of the Anchorage Building Safety Service Area, and has its own Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, this Assembly and Anchorage Municipal Code has recognized those differences with the adoption of the Chugiak-Eagle Comprehensive Plan and the Chugiak-Eagle River Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006, representatives of a consortium of Community Councils from the Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Eklutna Valley, and South Fork areas appeared before the Assembly to request support of a separate chapter as a placeholder in the final draft of the Title 21 Code Revision; and

WHEREAS, the consortium representatives testified on March 14, 2006, that the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan is under revision, and there are many issues upon which consensus has not been reached, including issues of zoning districts, the potential for an overlay district, and other important policy matters; and

WHEREAS, the unique elements of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan have been recognized and implemented in AMC Chapter 21.09, and Chugiak-Eagle River is currently working on updating the unique elements of its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chugiak-Eagle River area has over 34,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, self-determination and respect for the unique characteristics of individual neighborhoods are a priority for the community; and

WHEREAS, a separate chapter as a placeholder in the final draft in the rewrite of Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code will assist the community in rigorously making the policy determinations called for in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan, which are and should remain a prerequisite to effective code revision for this area; and

WHEREAS, a separate chapter as a placeholder in the final draft in the rewrite of Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code will allow the larger project encompassed by rewrite of Title 21 to move forward without the delays incident to completion of the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan revisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the Anchorage Assembly supports a separate chapter as a placeholder in the final draft of Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code to include the community of Chugiak-Eagle River.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28th day of March, 2006.

Anna L. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

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