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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE
ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE
FOR THE PRESENCE OF ARMED PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL
ASSEMBLY MEETINGS.**

WHEREAS, security service to the public and to municipal officials attending public meetings of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly is provided by private security personnel retained through contract by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, routine security services are now being provided by unarmed security personnel; and

WHEREAS, in the preceding decade, violence by armed assailants directed toward municipal officials during public council meetings across the country has included shootings and death of city officials in Riverside, California, New York City, most recently on February 7, 2008, in Kirkwood, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the public and municipal officials and personnel attending meetings of the Anchorage Assembly would be more secure and better protected by the presence of armed security personnel on duty during Anchorage Assembly meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Police Department does not provide armed security during Anchorage Assembly meetings; and

WHEREAS, armed, trained security personnel are available through the security services contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly finds and resolves that:

Section 1. The presence of armed, trained personnel to provide security services during regular meetings of the Assembly is necessary to protect public order and maintain safety.

Section 2. Consistent with AMC Title 7, the Administration is authorized and directed to provide armed security services for the protection of the public, municipal officials and personnel during all regular meetings of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly, and during special meetings by request. The additional annual cost of this enhanced security shall not exceed \$_____.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval, and the enhanced security presence shall be in place by _____, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of March, 2008.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk