

Submitted by: VICE CHAIR OSSIANDER
ASSEMBLY MEMBER SELKREGG
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: April 15, 2008

CHARTERS COUNCIL

Date: 4-15-08

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2008-80**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THE
NEED FOR AN ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND EFFECTIVE SPRING 2008 DISPOSAL
SITE FOR LEAVES, HORSE MANURE, GRASS-CLIPPINGS, AND HORSE-RELATED
ORGANIC MATERIALS, AND REQUESTING THAT AVAILABLE PUBLIC LAND SITES BE
IDENTIFIED FOR ASSEMBLY REVIEW.**

WHEREAS, many local residents wish to compost organic yard debris; and

WHEREAS, several thousand horses reside in the Municipality, with the majority of horses found on the Hillside and in the areas of Chugiak, Peters Creek and Eagle River; and

WHEREAS, to comply with Municipal Titles 15, 17 and 21, horse owners and users have disposed of horse manure at the Anchorage Regional Composting Center for more than a decade, at a cost of \$25 per ton, where this material was recycled into a fertilizing product called Alaska Gold, and marketed in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE closed the Regional Composting Center without sufficient notice to the community and without an available replacement facility; and

WHEREAS, with closure of the Anchorage Regional Composting Center, horse waste may be hauled only to the Hiland Landfill, at an additional cost of \$25 per ton, plus the proposed \$8 service fee, which more than doubles the fee for disposal, unnecessarily uses valuable landfill space for a recyclable product, hinders the local market for products like Alaska Gold, and thwarts responsible management of compostable waste; and

WHEREAS, any plan to re-open this site will be subject to resolution of on-going litigation and on site clean-up pursuant to final settlement terms, as well as the time and expense necessary to purchase equipment required for operation; and

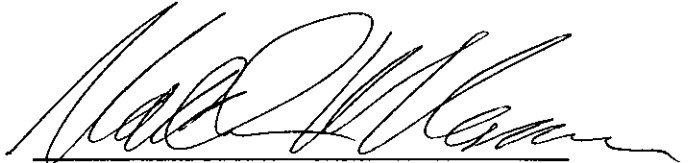
WHEREAS, while development of a proposal to re-open the closed facility may be undertaken for Assembly review, it is unclear when the city can once again provide a composting site,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that:

1. An accessible, affordable and effective spring 2008 municipal disposal site for use by May 15, 2008, is needed for leaves, horse manure, grass-clippings, and other organic horse-related debris.


- 1 2. The Municipality is requested to identify available public land sites which could
2 be used to establish the 2008 municipal disposal site for organic debris, and
3 present the list by memorandum no later than May 2, 2008 for Assembly
4 review.
5

6 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of
7 April, 2008.
8

9
10
11 
12

Chair

13
14 ATTEST:

15
16 
17

18 Municipal Clerk
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48