Resolution 2020-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGN VARIANCE FROM AMC TITLE 21 TABLE 21.07-04:
OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES REQUIRED FOR FRANS WEITS DBA JACK SPRAT
RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) is recognized as the Girdwood Community Council
Ex-Officio, with the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC) as the recognized one-person, one-vote
representative body of the citizens of the Girdwood Valley; and

WHEREAS, in the Girdwood Area Plan of 1995 and in an updated version in process, Girdwood identifies
itself a “pedestrian friendly community” which creates and maintains pedestrian paths, trails, and public
transportation year round, and encourages residents and visitors to travel within the community without a
personal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the issue of commercial parking code has been addressed by the Title 21, Chapter 9 Review
Committee, a subcommittee of the LUC, which has made recommendations to relieve Girdwood commercial
areas of Anchorage-based parking requirements, which have been presented and positively received by the LUC
and GBOS, are currently under review at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, the commercial parking code recommendations proposed by the Title 21, Chapter 9 Review
Committee have been determined through data-driven scaling of parking need based on conditions unique to
Girdwood, including size of the community, access to trails, free public transportation, and use patterns based
on the population served at various types of commercial enterprises (resident, visitor or both); and

WHEREAS, under the proposed Girdwood commercial parking code, Jack Sprat Restaurant has two more
spaces than required; this is further supported by independent parking study completed by Jack Sprat Restaurant
under guidelines provided by the MOA Traffic Department, which showed no shortage of parking; and

WHEREAS, the additional 20 spaces required by current code year-round are solely based on an outdoor
space used by Jack Sprat in the summer which is weather dependent; and

WHEREAS, after initial presentation at the LUC on February 10 and hearing on March 9, 2020, the Girdwood
Land Use Committee voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining to recommend a GBOS Resolution of
Support for this variance from parking code.
THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves its support for Design Variance from AMC Title 21 Table 21.07-4: Off Street Parking Spaces Required for Frans Weits dba Jack Sprat Restaurant.

Passed and approved by a vote of 5 to 0 this 17th day of February 2020, pending official LUC recommendation.

Mike Edgington, GBOS Land Use Committee Chair

Attest

2/18/2020
Date

3/9/20
Date