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**Resolution 2020-14
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Resolution in Support of Exemption of Detached One- and Two- Family Residences
from Update to Title 23.45.507.1 (Sprinklers)**

Whereas, large portions of Girdwood are not served by municipal water service and hydrants, including Old Girdwood, the Mine Roads, Alyeska Highway to Crow Creek Road, Crow Creek Road, and the upper sections of Alyeska Basin subdivision; and

Whereas, the cost of installation of sprinkler systems in new construction would increase the cost of construction significantly; and

Whereas, the cost of maintenance of sprinkler systems is an additional cost, and if overlooked could easily preclude the effectiveness of having such a system; and

Whereas, deployment of sprinkler systems due to earthquake or malfunction carries the risk of significant property damage; and

Whereas, cost of housing in Girdwood is already beyond the capacity of much of the local population to afford on the wages available for those who work in the community; and

Whereas, adopting building code with the expectation that Girdwood shall be excluded due to lack of inspection and enforcement is not a reasonable method for handling such an issue and may result in enforcement by insurance companies or lending institutions.

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the amendment #3 to AO 2020-85, exempting one and two family detached new construction residential dwellings from the requirement to have a water supply, in areas more than 600 feet from a hydrant.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed on this 26th day of October 2020.

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor, GBOS

October 27, 2020
Date

Attest