Resolution 2020-15
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Resolution in Support of Variance of Secondary Access Road through Alpine View Estates Tract B2B

Whereas, conceptual secondary access route through Tract B2B is included in the Girdwood Area Plan (1995), the Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Plan (2001), and Municipality of Anchorage Streets and Highways Plan (2014); and

Whereas, inclusion of the secondary access in later plans is based on the initial inclusion in the Girdwood Area Plan, which is now being updated and re-written; and

Whereas, all of these plans identify other possible secondary routes also under consideration; and

Whereas, this conceptual secondary access road alignment passes through a significant amount of Class A Wetlands with construction estimated at $8.8M in the 1993 Girdwood Community Impact Study; and

Whereas, a current estimate of the cost to build such a road in this alignment would be significantly higher than the 1993 estimate, national average road building costs having doubled since 2003, and no funding sources are currently identified or anticipated to take on this expense; and

Whereas, Girdwood has experienced a severe shortage of workforce housing; and

Whereas, potential development of Tract B2B has been, and continues to be, held up due to inclusion of the conceptual alignment of a secondary access road in several planning documents; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Land Use Committee recommended this action at their November 9, 2020 regular meeting by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports a variance from the proposed secondary access road through Alpine View Estates Tract B2B as it appears in the 1995 Girdwood Area Plan, Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Master Plan, and the Municipality of Anchorage Streets and Highways Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 0 on this 16th day of November 2020

Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair
November 17, 2020

Eryn Boone, James Glover, Jr., Briana Sullivan

Date
Attest