Resolution 2020-17
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE 41 VIA AREAWIDE SERVICE BOND

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire Department’s Rescue 41 was manufactured in 2001 and is the primary rescue extrication apparatus for the Seward Highway; and,

WHEREAS, National Fire Protection Association 1901 guidelines recommend that fire apparatus 15 years or older be placed in Reserve status and should not be used as a first-in engine; and,

WHEREAS, National Fire Protection Association 1901 guidelines recommend that fire apparatus be completely retired from service at 20 years of age, therefore this apparatus needs to be replaced; and,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Fire Department Maintenance Shop has recommended this apparatus be replaced; and,

WHEREAS, extrication equipment on Rescue 41 is outdated at 20 years old, but still in service on the Seward Highway for vehicle extrication; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire and Rescue responds with Rescue 41 to approximately 97 calls annually on the Seward Highway; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the Seward Highway Rescue 41 response area is outside of the Girdwood fire service area; and,

WHEREAS, if Rescue 41 was decommissioned without replacement, vehicle extrication services for areas south of Girdwood would be coming from 40 or more miles away; and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Fire Chief and Girdwood Fire and Rescue Inc. Board of Directors have recommended replacement of Rescue 41 so the nonprofit can continue to provide services on the Seward Highway; and,

WHEREAS, a replacement rescue truck and equipment approved by Areawide voters in Spring 2021, would be manufactured and anticipated placed into service October 2022; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests the Municipality of Anchorage place an areawide bond for a replacement Rescue 41 and extrication equipment on the Spring 2021 Areawide Ballot for an estimated value of $900,000 (NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS).
Passed and approved by a vote of 3 to 0 on this 16th day of November, 2020.

Eryn Boone, GBOS Fire Chair

Attest

November 17, 2020

Date