

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Jerry Fox & Mike Edgington, Co-Chairs  
Eryn Boone, Briana Sullivan, James Glover, Jr.*

**Resolution 2021-01**

**Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING RECYCLING OPTIONS  
IN GIRDWOOD**

Whereas, residents of Girdwood have come together to express interest in expanding recycling options in the Girdwood community; and

Whereas, within the Municipality of Anchorage Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan, the term “recycling” is referenced a total of 676 times; and the plan lists several goals to increase recycling and reduce unnecessary waste into the landfill; and

Whereas, Recycling Drop Off is not specifically listed as a permitted use under any zoning area within the Girdwood Valley; and

Whereas, Recycling Drop Off was likely unintentionally omitted when Title 21 Chapter 9 was written; and

Whereas, in Anchorage, Recycling Drop Off is permitted under the following zones: B-1A, B-1B, B-3, I-1, I-2, PLI; and

Whereas, Girdwood Community Land Trust (GCLT) Board of Directors is seeking to incubate recycling opportunities; and

Whereas, GCLT has partnered with University Student, Emily Haas, seeking a Bachelors of Science degree with both Civil and Environmental Engineering majors to conduct a Recycling Audit in Girdwood as her senior project; and

Whereas, her project has been University-sponsored under Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Civic Engagement; and

Whereas, Emily Haas has previously completed a project focused on extending the life of the Anchorage Landfill which won the UAA Civil Engineering Senior Design Competition and UAA College of Engineering Senior Design Competition; and

Whereas, a space has been offered on private land, zoned gC-10, as a temporary site (under 12 months) to utilize for recycling drop off purposes, and it seems prudent to add recycling drop off on a permanent basis to the industrial area adjacent to the Girdwood Transfer Station, land zoned gI-1; and

Whereas, time is of the essence to utilize Emily Haas' skills, knowledge and expertise in the recycling audit; and

Whereas, the findings of the audit will be shared with Girdwood Board of Supervisors, Municipality of Anchorage, Solid Waste Services and others who request it; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has reviewed presentations regarding the suggested text amendment and has recommended to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to write this Resolution of Support by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining at the February 8, 2021 regular meeting.

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves support for a text amendment of Title 21 Chapter 9 to allow Recycling Drop Off in the following zones: gI-1 (Ruane Road Industrial District), and gC-10 (Upper Alyeska Commercial District) and requests support from Municipal agencies and departments to help facilitate and expedite this student-led and community supported recycling project.

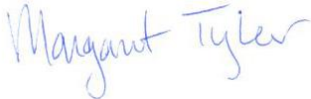
Passed and approved by a vote of 4-0 by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor, GBOS

February 16, 2021

Date



Attest