

Municipality of Anchorage

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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2024-07 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GIRDWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the current Municipality of Anchorage Comprehensive Plan has four top level elements covering distinct localities across the Municipality:

- Anchorage Bowl 2020 Comprehensive Plan (2001), partially updated by the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan (2017)
- Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan (2006)
- Turnagain Arm Comprehensive Plan (2009)
- Girdwood Area Plan (1995); and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Area Plan is the oldest of these documents, several prior attempts to update the plan having been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) formed the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to develop an updated Girdwood Area Plan, as authorized by Anchorage Assembly Resolution AR 2018-176; and

WHEREAS, due to the identification of a lack of planning powers in Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) and the related inability for GVSA to hold funds for the plan revision project, the non-profit Imagine!Girdwood was formed to direct and manage development a new Girdwood Comprehensive Plan, with formal authorization under Anchorage Assembly Resolution AR 2021-140; and

WHEREAS, Imagine!Girdwood has undertaken extensive community engagement, including four community-wide Town Halls to seek feedback and inform the public, regularly presenting updates at local community meetings and holding over 50 publicly-noticed regular monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, Imagine!Girdwood presented and published the initial community survey results, the distillation of community survey and focus groups into a Vision Policy and Goals document, initial and updated reports on existing conditions and housing & economic analyses, preliminary Land Use Map alternates, and a Public Review Draft of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan with a subsequent local Public Comment process; and

WHEREAS, in response to over 400 Public Comments on the Review Draft, Imagine!Girdwood published a Revised Draft on April 24, 2024, and GBOS passed Resolution 2024-03 supporting the formal submission of that Plan to the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Imagine! Girdwood formally submitted the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Department on May 5, 2024 and it is before the Planning and Zoning Commission as item 2024-0074 for a Public Hearing on July 15 2024; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Land Use Committee at their June 10 2024 meeting by a vote of 11 in favor and 0 opposed, recommended GBOS to pass a Resolution of Support for adoption of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the adoption of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan as an amendment to the Municipality of Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed on this 17th day of June, 2024.

Jennifer Wingard

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GBOS Land Use Chair

Margaret Tyler

Attest