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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2025-18

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AO 2025-91 TO ADD A BALLOT QUESTION FOR AN STR TAX, IF AMENDED TO DEDICATE REVENUES GEOGRAPHICALLY

WHEREAS, Girdwood is significantly more heavily impacted by STRs than any other area within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), with approximately 25% of Girdwood's residential properties involved in the vacation rental market during the 12 months through August 2025, compared to around 1% of residential properties in the rest of the MOA; and

WHEREAS many similar communities in the lower 48 levy a room tax and dedicate a proportion of that tax revenue to fund attainable community housing projects, and

WHEREAS a 12% Room Tax on hotels and STRs is levied across the MOA, including Girdwood, but none of that revenue is dedicated to alleviate the resultant stresses on our community's workforce housing supply; and

WHEREAS, an additional 5% STR tax could impact the Girdwood visitor economy by reducing visitor expenditure at local restaurants and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, an amendment "Johnson amendment #1" to AO 2025-91 would dedicate STR taxes raised in specific geographic areas of the MOA to fund housing within the same geographic areas.

THEREFORE the Girdwood Board of Supervisors SUPPORTS bringing a ballot proposition to the voters to add an STR Room Tax only if the revenue raised by STRs operating in the Girdwood area is dedicated to community housing projects in the Girdwood area.

Passed and approved by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed on this 20th day of October, 2025.

Mike Edgington

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GBOS Co-Chair, Housing and Economic Supervisor

Margaret Tyler

Attest