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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2026-01

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REZONE OF THE “OLD GRAVEL PIT” PARCEL TO SUPPORT REMOTE AVALANCHE CONTROL SYSTEMS ALONG THE SEWARD HIGHWAY CORRIDOR AND TO UPDATE LAND USE CODE FOR THE GIRDWOOD AIRPORT ZONE TO FOLLOW THE INTENT OF THE 2025 GIRDWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Alaska Dept of Transportation (AKDOT) and the Alaska Railroad have a documented need to update their avalanche mitigation systems along the Seward Highway corridor; and

WHEREAS, AKDOT has selected a tower based Remote Avalanche Control System (RACS), which will improve the reliability and efficiency of avalanche mitigation operations; and

WHEREAS, the RACS system requires a facility for seasonal storage of ordinance and a location for helicopter operations to reload remote RACS towers with explosive cassettes; and

WHEREAS, a parcel of land at the entrance to Girdwood Valley legally described as US Survey 4805 Tract 29B and known informally as the “Old Gravel Pit” was identified as a suitable location for the RACS support facility; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (GCP) Land Use map identifies this parcel as “Industrial” which is fully consistent with the planned use; and

WHEREAS, the current Girdwood zoning code in AMC 21.09.040 is not yet in alignment with the 2025 GCP; and

WHEREAS, under current Land Use code, the implementing zone for the proposed use is the GA (Girdwood Airport) zone; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Planning Department has proposed a change to AMC 21.09.040 F.8 which broadens the definition of the GA zone to incorporate the uses described in the 2025 GCP.

THEREFORE the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports a rezone of this parcel to GA and concurrent update of GA zoning code to reflect the intent of the 2025 Girdwood Comprehensive Plan

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed this 23rd day of February, 2026.

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