

Municipality of Anchorage



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Girdwood, Alaska 99587
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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jennifer Wingard, Chair

Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews

THE GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES TO HONOR GBOS MEMBER MIKE EDGINGTON

WHEREAS, Mike Edgington was appointed in February of 2017 and elected to service in GBOS Seat D in the April 2017, 2020 and 2025 GVSA Elections; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mike Edgington has served in the capacities of Land Use Liaison from 2017-22 and as Housing and Economic Stability Liaison from 2023- 25. He has also served as Co-chair of the Board of Supervisors from 2019-22 and 2024-25; and

WHEREAS, during this service, many critical events took place which required significant time and attention, including:

COVID-19 pandemic onset, occurrence and response, resulting in the switch to on-line and hybrid meetings.

Identification of the housing crisis in Girdwood and effort to gain attention to the differences between Girdwood and the greater Anchorage area in the need and possible methods to address this issue.

Disparity in the funding of areawide EMS compared to GVSA funding of Girdwood Fire Department.

Holtan Hills development agreement which motivated immense community involvement and uprising, and therefore many additional meetings for months and extended time and attentive energy from the body of GBOS.

Creation of the grassroots effort under Imagine!Girdwood and eventual passing of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, Mike has completed exhaustive research and feedback from a highly technical perspective and has found several instances when Assembly and Municipal actions were set to have unintended negative impacts to Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, Mike has led efforts to encourage Girdwood make changes in policy and structure to support an evolving system in Girdwood, including the creation of the Girdwood Housing and Economic Committee as a Girdwood Valley Service Area-funded power of the GBOS; and

WHEREAS, Mike has shared his many technical, policy and mathematical skills to discussions of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors thanks Mike Edgington for his longstanding and faithful service on the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of May, 2026.

Jennifer Wingard
GBOS Chair

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THE GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES TO HONOR GBOS MEMBER BRIANA SULLIVAN

WHEREAS, Briana Sullivan was appointed in June of 2020 and elected to service in GBOS Seat E in the April 2023 GVSA Elections; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Briana Sullivan has served as the Parks and Recreation/Cemetery liaison from 2020-23 and Fire Service Liaison 2024-25 and as co-chair in 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, during this service, critical issues took place and continued, which required significant time and attention, including:

a longstanding discussion with the Municipality of Anchorage regarding the contract for services and appropriate funding for Girdwood Fire and Rescue's EMS areawide funding,

extensive storm damage to trails under the management of the Girdwood Parks and Rec department

Holtan Hills development via HLB land exchange, which motivated immense community involvement and uprising, and therefore many additional meetings for months and extended time and attentive energy from the body of GBOS,

the continued years of work, process, and ultimate approval of the Girdwood Trails Plan,

the recent final process and ultimate support of the Girdwood Comprehensive Area Plan, and

WHEREAS, Briana has excelled in providing research and thoughtful feedback to local concerns and actions of the GBOS; and

WHEREAS, Briana has maintained composure and professionalism throughout her tenure as both a reliable board member and an attentive individual, giving her time serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Briana volunteers with other local boards and organizations, including Girdwood Nordic Ski Club, coaching cross-country skiing, cross-country running and youth yoga through Four Valleys Community School and participates in the Girdwood Marathon and many other local and regional events; and

WHEREAS, Briana has provided admirable perspective to GBOS formally at meetings and informally as an extraordinary volunteer and community leader.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors thanks Briana Sullivan for her hard work and optimistic focus to all subjects in her years of service on the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

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Jennifer Wingard
GBOS Chair

Status of Proposed Development Projects in Girdwood

Reviewed 4/17/2026

Description	Location	Developer	Status	Link	Public Comments or Hearing	MOA Process
Holtan Hills	North of Girdwood School	CY Investments	CU/PUD approved		None	Planning application will be needed for later phases
Alyeska Village phases 1-3	Alyeska Resort	Pomeroy	Approved Area Master Plan and Phase 1 Development Master Plan. Army Corps permit POA-2023-00473		None	DMP for phases 2 & 3 will require PZC public hearing
Glacier Creek Village phase 4	North of Girdwood Airport	Pomeroy	Part of approved Alyeska Resort Area Master Plan. On land currently owned by HLB/MOA		Future public hearings at HLBAC & Assembly	HLB work plan describes additional steps. No disposal planned in 2025
Alyeska North Addn #1 Housing	Upper parking, daylodge	Pomeroy	Land use permit applied for 10 units of housing in 2 buildings. Site work only in 2025		None	Clearing permit was granted. Land use permit has not been granted
Remote Avalance Mitigation storage & heliport	Old Gravel Pit @ Seward MP89	AK DOT	Application for rezone approved. Condition Use Permit will be at PZC on 4/20.		Public Hearing at PZC on 4/20. Future Assembly.	Pending action at Assembly for technical changes to Land Use code.
Alpenglow Mixed-Use	204 Hightower Rd	Girdwood Building Company, LLC	Planning application 2025-0038 was approved in May 2025		None until phase 2	Development Master Plan approved
Hotel & Retail Store	Off Alyeska Hwy behind Brewery	Glacier View LLC	Land use code was updated October 2025.		None scheduled	Major Site Plan Review required for any development over 4,000 sqft
ENSTAR gasoline	Between wastewater plant and Virgin Creek Drive	ENSTAR	DNR permit granted. ENSTAR work schedule unknown		None	No MOA involvement
Lodge and associated facilities	Girdwood Airport - north	Glacier Valley Lodge LLC	Land lease only for aviation component was approved by AK DOT in April 2024. Construction requires separate DOT Airport Building Permit and MOA Land Use Permit.		Requires DOT permit (no hearing) & MOA permit/hearings before improvements	MOA requires a Land Use Permit and possible land use code modification.
Heli-skiing operation at south end of airport	Girdwood Airport - south	Silverton Mountain Guides	Ongoing legal challenge MOA issued land use permit.		None scheduled	Structure may require variance for height
Girdwood Industrial Park	Girdwood Industrial Park	HLB	Platting approved		None scheduled	Any future land disposal will also have a Public Hearing at Assembly
Orca Mountain View	East of Alyeska Hwy north of Ruane Road	HLB	Platting approved		None scheduled	Future development plan will have public hearings at HLB Advisory Commission, and possibly at PZC. Any land disposal requires an Assembly Public Hearing and vote.
New water system wellhouse	Immediately north of Glacier Creek Bridge	AWWU	On hold for foreseeable future			
Alyeska-Seward Highway Intersection	Alyeska-Seward Hwy junction	AK DOT	Initial concept design. CSS approved by MOA. On hold awaiting future funding (STIP anticipates 2029 or later)		Future hearings including HLB land disposal and others	Using Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) process

Girdwood Wildfire Mitigation Day

FREE BRUSH (BRANCH) CHIPPING



SATURDAY, JUNE 6

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



GIRDWOOD PARK & RIDE

Corner of Girdwood Place &
Holmgren Avenue

- No logs or construction wood
- Live hardwood branches will go to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC) for animal browse
- Wood chips will be used at Forest Fair (Girdwood) Park

Girdwood Wildfire Partnership



WUI-CAT (Wildland Urban Interface - Community Action Team) meeting in April. Preparing for Wildfire Season. Information for communities in flyer attachments. We are strongly encouraged to share these with our communities and neighbors. Please share and help strengthen our Girdwood community!

Also, Rep. Ky Holland reminded us recently that this week is Alaska Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week.

Strongly encourage Alaskans to use resources available this week to ensure preparedness for the possibility of an emergency this wildfire season.

What can you do?

***Request a [Firewise Home](#)**

Assessment <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

***Sign up for [Smart911](#) emergency**

alerts <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action?lpse=1>

*Take advantage of newly opened wood lots to clear defensible space around your home (See flyer)

Chipper dates coming soon!

***Update your family's [evacuation plan](#)** <https://wfca.com/wildfire-articles/wildfire-evacuation-plan-checklist/>

Additional info:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

A short blurb has been added to this page. This page will also host the sign-up form once a contractor(s) has been selected.

Encourage residents to request a Firewise Property Assessment!
GRFD personnel will be completing Girdwood's assessment requests.

Visit wildfire@muni.org for ALL information and links.

***Stay up to date! [Wildfire.muni.org](#)** and find them on
facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AnchorageFireDept/posts/1045377057624313/>

Community can email me:

bsullivan.gbos@gmail.com with questions

or

the WUI Project Manager:

Stephanie.r.dufek@anchorageak.gov

2026 Capital Items Identified

Command Vehicle

Mattresses (6)

Hose

Turnouts

Fire tools

Replacement Workstations Operations, Training/Administrative Offices

2026 Facility Capital /Maintenance Items

Replacement Carpet Chief's Office

Painting touch up: Apparatus Bay Doors lower exterior

Painting Rescue Bay

Painting interior metal doors to living quarters

Replacement landscaping

Professional floor cleaning bathrooms, hallways

Replacement caulking 2 showers

Whittier Police Department

Monthly Activity Report – April 2026

Calls by Service Area

Service Area	Calls
Whittier	59
Girdwood Service Area	235
Other	5
Total	299

Narrative Summary

In April 2026, WPD handled 299 calls for service. The most common call types were, Traffic Stop (40), Parking (12), Disturbance (10), Welfare Check (8). Jurisdictional mix: Whittier 19.7%, Girdwood 78.6%, Other 1.7%.

Bullet-Point Summary

- Whittier handled 59 calls.
- Girdwood handled 235 calls.
- Other jurisdictions accounted for 5 calls.
- High level of traffic enforcement this month.

Call Types by Jurisdiction

Call Type	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
911 Abandoned Call	0	3	0	3
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0	0	1
Agency Assist	1	6	1	8
Alarm	0	1	0	1
Animal Call	0	1	0	1
Animal Complaint	0	1	0	1
Assault	0	1	0	1
Cad Testing	1	0	0	1
Citizen Assist	0	1	0	1
Citizen Contact	0	1	0	1
Civil Dispute	1	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	2	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	1
Disturbance	2	8	0	10
Foot Patrol	0	1	0	1
Fraud	1	0	0	1
Juvenile Problem	0	3	0	3
Lost Property	0	1	0	1
MVA/Accident	0	3	1	4
Medical	1	0	0	1
Motorist Assist	0	1	0	1
Noise Complaint	0	4	0	4
Ordinance Violation	0	1	0	1

Parking	8	4	0	12
Pd Community Relations	1	1	0	2
Pd Training	1	0	0	1
Public Assist	1	0	0	1
Public Contact	0	1	0	1
Reddi	0	6	0	6
School Patrol	0	2	0	2
Security Check	29	127	0	156
Suspicious Activity	0	2	0	2
Suspicious Circumstances	1	1	0	2
Suspicious Person	0	1	0	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Theft	0	1	0	1
Threatening	0	1	0	1
Traffic Complaint	0	5	0	5
Traffic Enforcement	1	0	0	1
Traffic Stop	4	36	0	40
Transport	1	0	0	1
Trespassing	0	1	0	1
Unspecified in CAD	1	1	1	3
Vehicle Check	0	1	0	1
Welfare Check	1	5	2	8

Citation Information

Category	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Parking	12	0	0	12
Speeding	4	5	0	9
Other	1	0	1	2
Total	17	5	1	23

Other Activities

On May 14, 2026, Whittier Police Department conducted traffic control detail on Alyeska Highway for the 2026 Graduation Parade for Girdwood students. Congratulations to the Class of 2026.

Over the weekend of May 15-17, 2026, the Whittier Police Department conducted courtesy compliance checks on several commercial passenger transportation vehicles in the Whittier area. The purpose of these checks was to educate drivers and their companies about recent changes to the Whittier ordinance regarding passenger ground transportation requirements. No citations were issued. Nine companies were contacted, and two were found to be in compliance with the new ordinance. Whittier police will continue the courtesy compliance check for an additional week.

Transportation passenger vehicle companies who have any questions regarding this ordinance are encouraged to contact the City of Whittier Finance Department.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE GIRDWOOD ROADS, FACILITIES, PARKS & RECREATION



DATE: May 18, 2026
TO: Girdwood Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kyle Kelley, Girdwood Service Area Manager & Margaret Tyler, Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Roads, Facility, Cemetery & P & R Monthly Report

Bears: The local bear population is awake and looking for easy meals. Put away bird feeders and secure your trash. [Trash Regulation Ordinance](#): Girdwood has specific requirements for trash storage and collection. Fines may be assessed for failure to comply with the ordinance.

Trash carts in Girdwood offered by Alaska Waste are bear-resistant. Carts can be set in the AM of curbside service. Additional steps are needed to keep bears out of trash. All trash must be stored inside a secure garage or shed or placed within 5' of the home. Girdwood Bear Aware (GBA) works within the community to proactively reduce the occurrence of trash bears and respond to bear activity. Follow GBA on Facebook. Text GBA at 907-406-9349

Moose carcass on the Beaver Pond Trail 5/13.26. Trail is closed for at least 2 weeks.

Spring! Let the good times roll! Spring is taking some time in arriving, but Luke and John are crushing the spring projects! They've taken on weekly tasks like trash pick-up, have assembled our new power



wheelbarrow with scoop, posted the Summer Trails sign at the 5K and are buffing and polishing the parks and trails.

Matt and Ariel are our summer campground hosts for the year and are moved in to the host site. We're very excited to have them! Campground will be

opening once the parks crew has completed spring clean-up of the pavilion and camp sites.

Dogs: Please pick up after your dog and throw bags in the trash. Dogs are not allowed on the ballfield, tennis courts, playground and skate park

If you see anything that needs attention, please contact Kyle kellekkt@muni.org or Margaret tylerms@muni.org.



Trails: GTC reminds everyone that trails are fragile before the roots that support them are established. If you're leaving a track, please turn back. 5k is a mix of slush and super soft soil. Please wait for it to firm up.

The first Trails Tue of the year was hosted by GTC on TUE May 12 at the Lower Iditarod. This effort involved pushing back the foliage, removing deadfall and a bit of trail turf work. Thank you Paul and Barb Crews for facilitating the event. Thanks to Girdwood Brewing Co donating beverages to encourage our thirsty volunteers!

Trails Tue event scheduled for TUE June 9 at the connector trail from the Highway to Davos Rd. Watch for details on social media. No meeting in July, next scheduled GTC meeting is in August. Subcommittee is finishing up the winter map.

Large projects this summer include a bridge to replace one that is failing between Crow Creek Road and Townsquare and continued work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail, in preparation for construction and restored connectivity with the suspension bridge over Glacier Creek.

Smaller projects are maintenance and turf work on the Beaver Pond and other connector trails in the valley.

Parks & Amenities:

- *Campground:* Tent campground open week of May 18.
- *Playground:* Open.
- *Lions Club Park:* All the parts are here and the pad has been started. See Grants, below
- *Disc golf:* Open. Spring Fling Tournament May 23 and 24.
- *Library/Community Center:* Library is open TUE-SAT 10-6
- *Tennis Courts:* Nets are up. Windscreens will be installed soon.
- *Soccer field:* Please avoid walking on soggy grass while season changes.
- *Sladen J Mohl Ball Field:* Please stay off the field until it has dried.
- *Skate Park:* Open
- *Annual Beautification:* Annuals will arrive late-May for early June 3 and 4 volunteer planting. Contact tylerms@muni.org if you want to help plant!



GBOS Non-profit Grants: Grantees should be receiving payment soon.

2027 grant cycle will be announced July 1; applications available August 3 - September 11.

Other Grants:

National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program (MAP) Grant: GVSA was not awarded this grant. Staff attended feedback session; next application round is in the summer with fall award.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant: GVSA applied and was awarded a grant for the Lions Club Park Pavilion. Match is 1:1. LWCF grant request is \$103,737.00 for a project costing \$207,474.00. Grant must be wrapped up by 2027. Kyle has completed reporting for now. Staff is working on interpretive signs; materials are ready for construction May/June 2026.

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GVSA/GTC opted not to apply for 2026 RTP grant. In 2024 GTC/GVSA was awarded RTP funding for the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail. This project is under way and will continue through 2026. Kyle is working on reimbursements, currently in winter shut-down, poised for start in spring.

Rasmuson Foundation: GVSA received \$250,000 Tier 2 Grant to assist with construction of the suspension bridge to replace the decommissioned hand tram.

National Forest Foundation: GVSA has completed application through the National Forest Foundation of approximately \$220,000 for the bridge to replace the hand tram.

Alaska Community Foundation: Staff applied for Trail Care Fund Grant for additional trail tools to support volunteer efforts on trail projects this summer. Notification pending.

Anchorage Park Foundation: GTC was awarded grant with 1:1 match for interpretive signs for the interpretive center at the suspension bridge.

Social Media & Websites: GBOS, committee and sub-committee meetings are now available on a calendar view. Go to www.muni.org/gbos/events and see what meetings are coming up! GBOS videos are on line: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOUJInprZEjhbpVPiJOIEA>

We are active on Facebook as Girdwood Board of Supervisors. Active GVSA webpages are:

GBOS: www.muni.org/gbos

Parks and Rec: www.muni.org/gpr

LUC: www.muni.org/gluc

Girdwood Trails Plan: www.muni.org/gtp

GTC: www.muni.org/gtc

PSAC: www.muni.org/gpsac

GHEC: www.muni.org/gbos-ghec

Other links and info:

Sen. Cathy Giessel's weekly newsletter: [Signup Form \(constantcontactpages.com\)](http://www.constantcontactpages.com)

Rep Ky Holland e-newsletter: [House District 9 Community Engagement](http://www.house-district-9.com)

Information on the ASD: [Anchorage School District / Anchorage School District Homepage \(asdk12.org\)](http://www.asdk12.org)

Anchorage Assembly: [Assembly Home](http://www.assemblyhome.com)

Heritage Land Bank information: www.Muni.org/HLB

Roads and Drainages

Road Status: Even though it has been colder than a normal spring, it has allowed for a nice breakup season for Girdwood roads and drainage. After a record-setting winter of steam thawing, I'm happy to say we completed our last steam thaw work last week at two locations that refused to melt out on their own. Having two contractors perform steam thawing throughout most of the winter prevented severe drainage issues as the melt occurred.

We do have a large list of spring/summer/fall projects that we tried to start last week on a collapsed culvert on Vail, but the ground is still too frozen to dig safely around utilities. We will continue to grade the dirt road as needed and make repairs that don't require digging. The cold, wet spring is delaying the melt-out of ground frost, so we're holding off on doing a full spring grading and dust control until conditions allow. We will work on summer projects throughout the summer as we coordinate with the contractors, based on availability and funding. The rebidding of the roads and drainage maintenance contract will also be factor in getting work completed this summer.

Major project updates:

Ruane Road fish passage culvert replacement. The Boutet company will lead project management for this new culvert project, and the Jacobs company will assist in ensuring compliance with the EPA grant and federal requirements. EPA has approved our Request for Proposal (RFP) for Design and Engineering services for the new culvert. Still waiting for the MOA purchasing department's assigned buyer to complete the review of the submitted RFP and either approve it for solicitation or provide comments to fix it. Still on pace to be constructed in summer 2027.

Winner Creek Trail Bridge at the Glacier Creek crossing: Bids have been opened, and we've received 4 bids for the project. Two bids right near the engineer's estimate. Spernak and Son out of Anchorage is the winning bidder. The Assembly approved its bid and is still waiting on MOA Purchasing to secure a contract with them. Once the contract is established, there will be a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and the project management team to develop a construction schedule and kick off the project.

GVSA Road Maintenance contract: The five-year term contract with Western came to an end at the end of April but we extended it 90 days so we can work with Purchasing to establish a new bid that meets their new requirements. We recently had a meeting with purchasing to determine how we should correctly account for summer construction work and pay Davis-Bacon wages to the contractor for the work performed. We're still working on documents and equipment specifications that the Purchasing department will accept, so we can issue a contract for bidding next month. Eagle River roads are in the same position, so we're working with them to flesh out the language that purchasing approves. The goal is to have the Invitation to Bid out by the end of the month so we have a new contract in place for August 1, 2026.

Expenses and Budget:

Girdwood Valley Service Area 2026 Mill Rate: 5.34 of 6 mills

Roads: Contracted Road Expenditures by Month:

<u>Month</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
January	\$51,162.50	\$29,666.25	\$32,125.00* \$112,788.32
February	\$50,612.50	\$34,533.25	\$19,875.00* \$37,572.50
March	\$96,425.00	\$23,033.25	\$9,500.00* \$65,096.25
April	\$60,296.50	\$26,368.75	\$43,625.00*
May	\$33,003.75	\$168,007.95	
June	\$35,861.50	\$4,776.94	
July	\$7,143.75	\$13,837.50	
August	\$51,086.42	\$0.00	
September	\$9,553.75	\$111,911.25	
October	\$20,370.00	\$69,919.75	
November	\$16,982.50	\$26,064.00	
December	\$22,993.75	\$31,152.58	
Total Jan-Dec:	\$701,668.85	\$455,492.25	\$320,058.157

*Additional Contracted Steam Thawing with Northern Gravel

Public works operation 2026 budget expended: \$486,227.28 of \$1,913,148.00 =25%
 2026 Capital Roads Project fund available (406): \$178,000.00

Parks:

2026 Expended Budget: \$86,662.63 of \$634,402.00= 11%
 2026 Capital Park Project (406) Reserve Fund available: \$88,122.62
 2026 Winner Creek Trail Suspension Bridge funds = \$951,859.00
 2026 Winner Creek Trail Suspension State Grant Funds = \$1,200,000.00
 2026 Community Room Capital Reserve Fund (406): \$47,896.12
 2026 Girdwood Lions Club Park Pavilion: \$143,535.00

Police:

2026 Expended Budget: \$296,690.61 of 913,625.00 = 32%

Fire:

2026 Expended Budget: \$696,028.05 of \$1,985,067.00 = 35%

2026 Fire Undesignated Capital fund (406) = \$259,177.97

Housing and Economic Fund:

2026 Expended Budget: \$0.00 of \$100,000.00 = 0%

Other:

Upcoming Meetings to schedule:

GBOS LUC Joint meeting with DOT re Alyeska Highway speed	TBA
GBOS Parliamentary Training	TBA after election certified
GBOS Special Meeting on Rules and Procedures	TBA
GBOS meeting to establish chairs and areas of responsibility	TBA after election certified
GBOS Work Session Re: 2025 Budget/Projects in review	TBA after election certified
GBOS 2027 Budget Work Session Summer 2026 x 2	Final Budget Sept GBOS
GBOS Work Session Re: capital projects/leaseback options	TBA

JUNE 2026

Scott & Wesley Gerrish Library

250 Egloff Dr. | (907) 343-4024

Call or email LibraryGirdwood@anchorageak.gov to request ADA accommodations

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10:30AM Free Play Mornings	3 10:30AM Family Storytime 3:30PM Krambambuli Puppet Theatre	4 4PM Game Night	5	6
9 10:30AM Free Play Mornings	10 10:30AM Family Storytime 3:30PM Bird TLC	11 4PM Game Night	12	13
16 10:30AM Free Play Mornings	17 10:30AM Family Storytime 3:30PM Meet and Greet with Goats	18 4PM Game Night	19 APL Libraries Closed in honor of Juneteenth	20
23 10:30AM Free Play Mornings	24 10:30AM Family Storytime 12PM Housing Community Resource Fair 3:30PM Button Making	25 4PM Game Night	26	27 4:30PM Cookbook Club
30 10:30AM Free Play Mornings				

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday: 10:00am—6:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am—6:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am—6:00pm
Friday: 10:00am—6:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am—6:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED
Monday: CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

GERRISH LIBRARY CLOSURES

JUNETEENTH CLOSURES

- In honor of Juneteenth, all APL Libraries will be closed Thurs., June 19, 2026.

SUMMER DISCOVERY 2024

- Youth & families: pick up a reading & discovery log to participate! Complete your log for a chance at the grand prize.



ANCHORAGE
 PUBLIC LIBRARY
anchoragelibrary.org

STORYTIME

FAMILY STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
A half hour of stories, songs, and movement that build early literacy skills. It's a blend of fun and education for children birth through kindergarten and their caregivers.

ALL AGES

GAME NIGHT

Thursdays at 4 PM
Use our wide variety of board, dice, or card games or play with our Wii, Nintendo Switch or X-box or bring your own game!

SUMMER DISCOVERY

MEET AND GREET WITH GOATS

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30PM
Meet and pet real goats from Tiny Home(stead), a family farm in Chugiak, AK and learn what it takes to raise animals and run a farm in Alaska!



ADULTS

HOUSING COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, June 24, 12PM
Meet with representatives from a variety of community resource agencies that focus on housing: get a coordinated entry interview with Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, discuss landlord/tenant issues with Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, learn the transit app with the People Mover travel trainer, and more. All welcome.

FEATURED

LETTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Ongoing
Work together to find the letters hiding in the library and earn a small prize!

CODE QUEST

Ongoing
Journey on a quest! Answer the questions and crack the code to unlock the safe for a prize!

SUMMER DISCOVERY

KRAMBAMBULI PUPPET THEATRE

Wednesday, June 3, 3:30PM
Krambambuli Puppet Theater offers entertainment, wisdom and quality entertainment for the young and the young at heart. Based on the book The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, watch a small mouse go through the forest with the help of a perhaps not so imaginary monster.

BUTTON MAKING PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 24, 3:30PM
Drop in to make your own button! We will have supplies for you to make your own design or you can use one of our pre-printed templates.

GERRISH COOKBOOK CLUB

Saturday, June 27, 4:30 PM
Join us as for June Cookbook Club! Make and share and recipes from your favorite cookbooks!

5 & UNDER

FREE PLAY MORNINGS

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Play with library toys, make friends and check out books!



BIRD TLC

Wednesday, June 10, 3:30PM
Many bird species exhibit a wide range of behaviors, including problem-solving, extensive communication, and the ability to plan for the future. In this interactive program, we will look at the fascinating world of avian intelligence.

CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY SUMMER DISCOVERY EVENTS AT THESE OTHER LOCATIONS:

Loussac:
Tuesdays at 2:30 PM
Chugiak-Eagle River:
Thursdays at 12 PM
Mountain View:
Fridays at 2 PM
Muldoon:
Saturdays at 11:30 AM



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, May 27, 12PM

Meet with representatives from a variety of community resource agencies, including Department of Public Assistance, WIC, Veterans Affairs, and Vital Records Department, and more. All welcome.

STUNTOLOGY!

Wednesday, May 27, 3:30 PM

A Stuntology presentation is a dazzling array of physical impossibilities and absurdities that can be wrought with everyday objects. Stuntologist Sam coaxes horrible sounds out of straws, makes forks float, napkins balance, and paper expand. Sam demonstrates, then it's your turn...you will be mystified and amazed by stunts that work brilliantly, and even more entertained when stunts fail miserably. It's all part of the experiment! Explanations fly along with objects, and the audience becomes a little smarter and more motivated to understand the workings of the world around us.

KRAMBAMBULI PUPPET THEATRE

Wednesday, June 3, 3:30PM

Krambambuli Puppet Theater offers entertainment, wisdom and quality entertainment for the young and the young at heart. Based on the book *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson, watch a small mouse go through the forest with the help of a perhaps not so imaginary monster.

BIRD TLC

Wednesday, June 10, 3:30PM

Many bird species exhibit a wide range of behaviors, including problem-solving, extensive communication, and the ability to plan for the future. In this interactive program, we will look at the fascinating world of avian intelligence.

MEET AND GREET WITH GOATS

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30PM

Meet and pet real goats from Tiny Home(stead), a family farm in Chugiak, AK and learn what it takes to raise animals and run a farm in Alaska!

BUTTON MAKING PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 24, 3:30PM

Drop in to make your own button! We will have supplies for you to make your own design or you can use one of our pre-printed templates.

HOUSING COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, June 24, 12PM

Meet with representatives from a variety of community resource agencies that focus on housing: get a coordinated entry interview with Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, discuss landlord/tenant issues with Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, learn the transit app with the People Mover travel trainer, and more. All welcome.

GERRISH COOKBOOK CLUB

Saturday, June 27, 4:30 PM

Join us as for June Cookbook Club! Make and share and recipes from your favorite cookbooks!

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Shanna Gamble, Acting Director, Anchorage Parks and Recreation

May 18, 2026

RE: 2026 Girdwood Forest Fair Permitting and Fee Waiver

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS), by a vote of x in favor and x opposed at the May 18 GBOS Regular Meeting, supports the 51st Girdwood Forest Fair General Permitting and site plan as presented for 2026, contingent upon completion of all required permitting. This letter will be held until full permitting is complete.

In addition, the GBOS approves fee waiver for use of the Girdwood Park over the dates of the Forest Fair July 3, 4, and 5 2026, as well as the dates of set up and clean-up of the fair.

Brian Burnett
GBOS Parks and Rec Supervisor

Witness

2026 Girdwood Forest Fair Site Plan

July 3rd,4th,5th

Girdwood, AK

Submitted by:
Girdwood Forest Fair Committee
Print Date 3/1/25

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1 Girdwood Forest Fair Site Plan

The following site plan will reflect the Forest Fair's normal operations. Though this document can not include the many finer details of operation, media, and advertising etc. let it serve as general information to concerned agencies and community.

2 Forest Fair Staff and Volunteers

The following information pertains to the Forest Fair Committee and their team of volunteers hereafter referred to as staff. Staff oversees and monitors the entire fair keeping in close communication as explained below. Staff will circulate constantly on Fair grounds and are easily identified by their Vibe Tribe RED staff shirts. Staff members will also man the Information Booth. Contact: 907-382-1658.

Position	Name	Email
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Event Coordinator	Karen Zaccaro	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
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Financial Coordinator	Constance Cooley	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
Earth Maintenance	Bob Messing	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
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Campground Hostess	Kellie Holliman	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
Safety Coordinator	Paula Bogdan	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
Parade Organizer	Shine Herfindahl	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com
Information Booth	Catherine McDermott	girdwoodforestfairies@gmail.com

3 Communications

The staff utilizes two-way radios to organize and maintain constant communication.

Two-way radios are distributed to and utilized by:

- A - Committee Members
- B - Security Team
- C - Grounds / Sanitation Crew
- D - Traffic control contractor
- E - Info Booth
- F - Camper Host

4 Hours of Operation

Though the site of the fair is permitted for and will have limited activity well before and after our posted hours of operation, it will be understood by the general public that;

GFF 2025 will be held July 3rd, 4th, 5th. The parade will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, July 4th. Staffing for the Fair, Security and Campground will begin Thursday at noon and remain through Monday morning.

	Booths		Music	
Date	Start	End	Start	End
Friday, July 3	11:00am	9:00pm	11:00 am	Last band scheduled for 8pm (will complete by or before 11:00 pm)
Saturday, July 4	11:00am	9:00pm	11:00 am	Last band scheduled for 8pm (will complete by or before 11:00 pm)
Sunday, July 5	11:00am	6:00pm	11:00 am	Last band scheduled for 5:30pm (will complete by or before 8:00 pm)

The requested park permit dates are June 27th through July 10th. In addition to the above event timeline, there are other important dates and times that need to be noted:

- June 27-28– Friends of Forest Fair weekend
- July 2 – Vendor Setup from 9am– 10 pm

- July 3,4,5– Forest Fair
- July 6 – Vendor Take Down – all cleared by 5 pm
- July 6-9 – residual Clean-up and Beautification

5 Parks and Recreation Permitting

GFF requests a consecutive parks and rec special event permit from the Friday before fair weekend to the Wednesday after to ensure proper coverage for the Friends of Forest Fair Work Event, Set Up and the following weekend's event. The event dates are June 26-28 for the Friends of Forest Fair park maintenance clean up weekend and July 3,4,5 for the Forest Fair Event. The Girdwood Forest Fair will have liability insurance coverage during the entire time frame.

6 Security

A paid professional licensed and experienced Event Security Team will be secured to cover Forest Fair and the extended areas; Fairgrounds, Parking, and Campground.

In addition to our paid security staff, the GFF Event Coordinator will work with Girdwood / Whittier Police to oversee and direct operations on all permitted areas of the Forest Fair, as well as assist in limiting the fair's impact on the neighboring community. Our security director can be reached by radio during the weekend of the Girdwood Forest Fair and we will share this security channel with Girdwood Fire Department for coordination of emergency situations.

6.1 Security Tasks

Security is responsible for:

- Control of the Fair site
- Traffic flow
- Fairground sweeps
- Noise Control (Campground, etc)
- Monitoring Fire/Emergency Service Access
- Emergency Evacuation (Girdwood Fire and EMS plan)
- Enforcing Fair Rules
- Enforcing HLB and Municipal codes
- Note: Security is engaged in all lost children and/or lost parent situations, but Girdwood Forest Fair committee member Shine Herfindal is lead on these efforts. Girdwood Forest Fair has an established protocol for locating and reuniting families at the fair that involves all Girdwood Forest Fair Staff and can reunite usually in 10 min or less. We lead this effort and engage law enforcement as needed.

6.2 Security Central Dispatch Location

The primary dispatch center for GFF security is set up in front of Glacier City Hall. Security guards and GFF staff will also be stationed at the Campground Check-In Booth outside the Library, and at the entrance to the Campground at the corner of Karolius and Egloff Dr starting at 6 pm each night.

6.3 Security Staffing

Security will begin setting up at the fairgrounds on the Thursday evening prior to the event. There will be Staff on duty on Thursday starting at 6:00 pm through Friday at 11:00am when the full crew of Security will be on duty from that time until the following Sunday evening.

Security Schedule:

- Small Security Crew - Thursday 10am arrival to cover the vendor setup parking and assist camping setup. Overnight security and 24 hr coverage from this point forward.
- Full Security Crew – Friday 10AM – Sunday 11 PM (24hr coverage)
- Small Security Crew- Sunday 11pm -8am Monday

A uniformed security detail will be stationed at various locations throughout the fairgrounds during Fair days. Security will also patrol the Forest Fair area and campground 24 hours during Fair days. Radio communication will allow them to provide effective coverage. Security is a fluid event and all areas of the Girdwood Forest Fair Park will be covered.

Security sweeps will be performed each night at the posted event closure times for music and beer garden. The sweep is to ensure the fair goers are aware of the event closure and to promote a safe segue to their destination.

Bicycles and 4-wheelers may be used for quick travel between areas by Forest Fair staff only when necessary and Security will be in contact with authorities. (See attached map)

- Paid Traffic Control professionals will be posted near the intersection of Hightower Road and Alyeska Highway to assist the Traffic control professionals as needed to direct traffic, assist at the bus stop and control parking within the park area during fair hours.
- Traffic Control Professionals may also be engaged to help direct pedestrians to safe routes that minimize pressure on the intersections (encouraging use of the under bridge path).
- Security will patrol the camping and vendor parking area with a station near the ball field to ensure vendor and musician parking and accommodate disabled persons parking.
- Security will patrol the fairgrounds in pairs and rotate to the entrance area to ensure there are always two security personnel at that post.
- Security rotating personnel shall float between posts and/or staff the main security stations.
- Security has a defined role and stations in our evacuation plan for various scenarios outlined in the emergency evacuation plan.

7 Noise Control

GFF will comply with the legal limits regarding noise levels and noise permitting. Violations will be dealt with by GFF Security Staff as quickly as possible to prevent public disturbance. Sound from the three stages will be overseen by sound technicians to ensure safe sound levels and compliance with the Noise Permit.

8 Camping

To mitigate the risks associated with uncontrolled and unsupervised camping around the valley during the weekend of the Fair, camping will only be permitted in designated areas and is patrolled by contracted

security & the GFF Security Staff. A perimeter will be established to identify the camping area and prevent entrance to the islands of Glacier Creek.

Individuals coming to camp are briefed of the campground rules and identified with a wristband indicating they have been given permission to camp. Only campers with wristbands will be allowed in the camping grounds. The Camping Fee is nominal to encourage visitors to use this legal and safe service of the Fair. Security staff patrols this area 24 hours a day to enforce the rules. Camping is limited to the designated areas only. There is no camping access to the islands on Glacier Creek or any Heritage Land Bank land other than the designated camping area. Security officers will patrol through the island area to ensure that there is no unauthorized camping outside the designated camping grounds.

GFF staff will be camping on the grounds every night, and will be connected by radio to security, and will be available to campers from Thursday – Sunday during the event. Additionally, security maintains a post at the Camper Host station throughout the night to ensure only campers with wristbands enter.

Signs: To address the camping plan our signage will include these messages according to AO 2011-108

- *no alcohol *no campfires * no burn barrels *tent camping only in fenced area
- * be cool *no dogs *quiet time from 2am-8am * no fireworks
- *campstove cooking only at Nissman *no external generators
- * love your neighbor (use Best Camping Practice) *back packs will be searched

RV camping is provided only for GFF Vendors. Additional RV parking is not available to the public.

9 Beer Garden

The Beer Garden is located on the south side of the Forest Fair park near California Creek. Due to the creek flooding and shifting in recent years, a temporary secondary location will be used if the original is unusable. The Plan B site will be scouted by committee members and permitted through the ABC Board. This is a fenced off area and is staffed by TAM certified servers and a volunteer crew of trained ID checkers. Random security sweeps are performed by Security staff and Forest Fair staff during beer garden hours. Security heavily patrols the Beer Garden area during peak hours to ensure compliance with ABC permit requirements.

Beer Garden ABC permit hours:

- Friday 11 am – Sunday 11:59 pm

Municipal Park & Recreation restrictions limit the selling of alcohol to the following hours:

- Friday – 11am – 11pm
- Saturday – 11am – 11pm
- Sunday – 11am – 11pm

The beer garden typically closes to the public before 10pm on Sunday due to decreased demand and desire to start cleanup/wrapup of the overall fair. We keep the permit the same to ensure compliance with the ABC permit if flexibility is needed.

This schedule will be coordinated with the end of the music and is subject to earlier last call times and earlier cut off times, but will not go beyond what is stated here. We will continue to monitor the entrance to the beer garden until 12am, so that patrons do not carry their beverages into the unlicensed portion of the park. This will allow patrons 2 hours to complete their beer, socialize, and leave in a leisurely fashion. The goal is to slow the flow of people out of the beer garden so that local businesses and authorities are

not overwhelmed by a mass exodus from the beer garden and music areas of the Forest Fair at once.

Forest Fair wrap meeting will be conducted in the beer garden on Sunday evening after the event closure. This is a private round table discussion on the event success and future opportunities for improvements. This round table discussion includes Forest Fair staff, security, volunteers, and vendors. No public is invited to this meeting. There is no alcohol sold during this round table discussion.

Emergency Services

In addition to the many identifiable Red Shirt volunteers at the Fair, GFF will rely on the Girdwood Fire Dept., the Girdwood / Whittier Police and the Alaska State Troopers in the case of a serious emergency. GFF will follow the Girdwood Fire Department and EMS evacuation plans as developed in 2023 with any Fire Department approved amendments. The Girdwood Fire Dept. is directly adjacent to Forest Fair Park. Arrangements are made via radio and cell phones, assuring GFF Security and Staff stays in close communication with our EMS providers.

Security and GFF Staff are advised that despite the close proximity of Station 41, even minor medical emergencies require a call to 911 to initiate a response.

9.1 First Aid

[During fair hours the paramedics at the Girdwood Fire Hall and GFF Security Staff will be available for emergency first aid.](#) Girdwood Forest Fair will provide first aid supplies at the Info Booth and T-shirt booth for additional minor requests.

9.2 Evacuation Routes

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, evacuation routes as identified by the Chief of the Girdwood Fire Department shall be known as Alyeska Highway to the Seward Highway, with routes either south or north depending on danger. Should a tsunami warning or tidal wave be eminent, the designated site is the Girdwood Airport. The assembly point for evacuation of the fairgrounds is the parking lot in front of Glacier City Hall. See appendix evacuation and emergency plan.

10 Traffic Control

A contracted team of traffic control professionals assisted by security staff will be posted at the intersection of Hightower Rd, Egloff Rd., and Alyeska Highway during fair hours to direct traffic, assist at the shuttle bus stop and control parking within the park area. Their primary concerns will be safety, maintaining smooth pedestrian flow, and mitigating backups on the Seward Highway. GFF is hiring a paid Traffic control crew for the duration of fair operating hours to assist with traffic control and has contracted with a crew that is familiar with the Girdwood Forest Fair from previous years with good results.

By Thursday evening prior to the event, delineation fencing used to guide pedestrian traffic will be set up around the intersection, and signs will be posted along Alyeska highway. The signs and fencing will remain throughout the weekend and will be removed immediately following the fair. Emergency vehicles will have open access at all times with assistance from the personnel at the Hightower/Egloff and Alyeska Highway intersection.

Traffic control personnel will be briefed on how to identify Girdwood Fire Department personnel and vehicles quickly to allow priority access. This includes personnel in Girdwood Fire Department Tie-Dye

shirts. We recommend Girdwood Fire Department utilize the whirlybird overhead hand signal to indicate emergency personnel when using the pedestrian intersection so Traffic control can respond more efficiently in cases where audio conversations are difficult. GFF security and traffic control will have a pre-fair check in with Girdwood Fire department prior to the start of the fair event.

10.1 Road Closure for the Parade

In an effort to ease traffic congestion, the Girdwood Forest Fair Parade will begin at 10 AM on Saturday of fair weekend. The Alyeska Highway will be closed at the Hightower/Egloff intersection by Girdwood / Whittier Police with assistance from GFF staff and paid traffic control crew on Saturday at approximately 10:00am to accommodate the parade. The road will reopen with traffic control letting cars through unimpeded until the backup has subsided and GFF staff will begin directing pedestrian traffic under the Glacier Creek bridge using the pedestrian underpass and at the intersection immediately following the parade at approximately 10:45am.

10.2 Egloff Road

Vehicular traffic accessing the Fair and other facilities via Egloff Road will be monitored by GFF staff. GFF will issue parking passes to vendors, musicians, and select staff members permitting them to park in the area. A parking area for the handicapped will also be available via Egloff Road. GFF will not block access to the library parking lot or book drop nor will it block local business or residential access. As in the past, traffic in that area will be controlled to allow it to be fully accessible to emergency vehicles. Anyone needing to go to work at Girdwood Parks and Recreation office, Little Bears Playhouse or the Library (all of which are closed during those days) will be permitted. No road closure permit will be required. Guests using the Forest Fair camping facilities may use Egloff Rd. for loading and unloading only and will park their vehicles at the Daylodge.

10.3 Traffic Signage

Informational signs will be erected along Alyeska Highway directing vehicular traffic to park only in the Daylodge parking lots. In addition, information signs will remind fair goers of the following items:

- No camping in Girdwood, camping is only allowed in the temporary Forest Fair campground

- No Fires or Fireworks anywhere

- No Parking except in designated areas

- No Parking on Crow Creek Road

- Illegal Parking will be towed

- Do not park in front of Fire Hydrants

- Shuttle Available at the Daylodge

- Forest Fair Rules (No Dogs, No Politics, No Religious Orders, No Alcohol outside Beer Garden)

- Other information as deemed necessary

11 Parking

Vendor and staff parking is located in the area recognized as the ball-field parking area, and along Karolius. This parking will be restricted to prevent overcrowding and keep emergency lanes open.

Security staff will be assisting vendor parking on Thursday during setup and each morning of the fair to ensure vendors are parked appropriately. Vendors are issued 1 parking permit per booth. Musicians are issued parking permits that are valid only for the day they are performing. Cars without a GFF parking permit will be towed at the owner's expense. Tow trucks will be standing by to remove offenders.

Handicap Accessible parking will be available in front of the Tennis Courts located near the entrance to the event, on the side of the childrens playground, and at the ball field as necessary. This will be the only parking available to the public within the fairground area. All other parking in this area is designated for Vendors, Campground, and Musicians only.

Girdwood Forest Fair strives to make sure all Community Members can enjoy the fair. Temporary Parking passes for drop off and pick up of elderly fairgoers can be arranged with the campground host on a case-by-case basis.

Security Staff will be positioned at Hightower and Egloff to ensure that Egloff Road is being utilized appropriately before and during the Forest Fair. This means vendors, musicians, Fire Dept., residents, Library personnel and Municipal vehicles will be allowed to drive vehicles through and park. Approximately 14 parking spaces at the library will be closed to the public during the closed library hours. This parking lot will be randomly swept by Forest Fair staff/security.

All public safety vehicles will have the right of way under all circumstances as safety is priority over all event policy.

11.1 Patron Parking

Fair goers parking will only be permitted at the Daylodge parking lot of the Alyeska Resort, by agreement with Alyeska Resort. Alyeska Resort will operate and have control of all parking in this area. Hours of operation will coincide with fair hours and will be enforced by the Alyeska Resort staff. Cars parked illegally along the highway will be towed by the request of the local authority having jurisdiction. The Forest Fair committee will work with the designated towing company to provide adequate announcements during the fair when vehicles are at risk to be towed. Forest Fair security will patrol the Daylodge parking area on occasion during the event to help deter unauthorized 'tailgating' and assist Alyeska Resort in monitoring unwanted behaviors.

12 Bus/Shuttle

Glacier Valley Transit is anticipated to provide shuttle service to bring fairgoers from the parking lot at the Alyeska Daylodge as in previous years to the fairgrounds using the designated turnaround route to prevent blocking traffic. The shuttle will be dropping off people in front of Lions Club Day Park, keeping pedestrians off of the roadways.

During the fair, the regular Glacier Valley Transit routes are maintained, including pickups and dropoff to the train depot where passengers from Anchorage can utilize the train for transport to Girdwood on fair days.

This shuttle service will also be utilized as the designated driver program as required for our alcohol permit. The contact number for the driver is 907-382-9909.

Bus service from Anchorage to Girdwood Forest Fair will be offered on all three fair days this year for round trip or one way purchase. This service is provided to help alleviate the car traffic in Girdwood and encourage thoughtful and responsible participation in our community festival. We are adding multiple

busses this year with flexible booking with our contracted bus provider to add more busses as demand increases.

13 Information Booth

Fairgoers can learn about the fair and have questions answered at two GFF booths. The Information Booth is located at the front entrance to the Forest Fair (by the playground), and the T-shirt Booth located near the Pavilion stage.

LOST CHILD/ LOST PARENT: In the event that a child has misplaced his/her parents, the child will be cared for at the children's booth while security and GFF staff locate the parents. If a parent has misplaced their child, a GFF member with radio communication to security will stay with the parent until the child is located. The designated lost child Red Shirt lead will go with the parent to the place the last child was seen, while repeating the description of the child, place last seen, and other relevant details over the radio. **No other radio communication is allowed until the child is found.** All volunteers and security convene at the place last seen and get assignments to sweep the entire park. Security will communicate with Girdwood Fire Department and other emergency personnel as necessary on the designated Security channel. Additional communications will be handled via main stage and beach stage announcements. Forest Fair staff and security will be on radio at all times throughout the event. When the child and parent are reunited, the lost child lead will inform the rest of the GFF staff over the radio and security will inform Girdwood Fire and other EMS monitoring the security channel.

14 Fair Signage

Further signs will be posted throughout the fairgrounds reminding people of fair and municipal rules:

- Forest Fair Rules
- No Pets Allowed
- Proselytizing is prohibited
- Alcohol must remain in designated areas
- Please Be Cool
- Respect Our community
- No Camping in undesignated areas
- Parade reminders

Other information as deemed necessary

15 Sanitation

The Girdwood Forest Fair takes sanitation very seriously and works to ensure the park area is in as good as or better condition when this event is over. GFF will be responsible for all garbage collected and will dispose of garbage created during Friends of Forest Fair weekend and during the time period of the Forest

Fair event from including clean-up on the parade route and in the skate park. Each evening all trash receptacles are emptied and turned upside down to prevent wildlife from human trash. All Forest Fair garbage cans are removed from the area after cleanup of the site. The dumpsters will be removed within a week of the end of the fair.

It will be P&R's responsibility to remove trash daily from the P&R garbage waste cans in the Forest Fair Park starting Tuesday after Forest Fair weekend and for the remainder of the summer. Any trash generated by the clean-up crew will be removed by the GFF.

15.1 Sanitation Crew

A crew of 6-10 easily identifiable RED Shirt individuals with at least two Earth Maintenance crew members on radio at all times is responsible for dealing with trash clean up during the Fair. These roving personnel will answer questions, direct fairgoers to their destinations, and act as the physical arm of the GFF by helping with any and all manual labor-type needs.

15.2 Recycling

We have implemented recycling requirements of our vendors, such as biodegradable straws, and encourage recycling to event patrons to decrease the carbon footprint of the annual Forest Fair in the Forest Fair park of Girdwood. We also utilize biodegradable trash liners, to lessen the impact in landfills. The Beer Garden has upgraded over the years from red plastic cups to biodegradable cups, and in 2013 began selling reusable cups to patrons to further reduce trash. 2015 marked our transition to exclusive use of stainless steel reusable cups in the Beer Garden. Fairgoers are encouraged to bring previous years' cups and identify themselves as one of the cool kids who reuses and recycles. We will make accommodations for individuals who prefer not to have their cup refilled by our servers by offering refills by pitcher or in paper cups or other means that do not require re-contact of the individual's personal cup on a per request basis.

We make efforts to coordinate the recycling of the wine bottles used in the wine garden.

We do not allow plastic bottles for water or soft drinks to be sold. We provide a free water filling station next to the Tshirt booth and allow the sale of canned beverages only.

15.3 Trash Receptacles

In excess of 70 trash receptacles are placed throughout the fair and in locations impacted by fair traffic. GFF also works with local business and property owners to place these receptacles in the Town Square. These receptacles are emptied by the Earth Maintenance Crew. In addition, the Fair has obtained permission for the use of various dumpsters within the community in addition to the ones that it provides.

15.4 Dumpster

Two 20 yard dumpsters, one 40 yard dumpster, one 8 yard dumpster are rented for the Fair from Alaska Waste. All trash is hauled away at the end of Fair by Alaska Waste. In keeping with GFF's commitment to recycling, there will also be a 20 yard recycling dumpster for cardboard.

15.5 Latrines (port a potties)

GFF will provide ample latrines including handicap accessible latrines at strategic locations of the Forest Fair site placed within one to two days prior to the event. Number of latrines is based on the best estimate of fair goers and discussions with Rent-a-Can and current recommendations for additional handwashing stations based on other Alaskan Events. Latrines will be monitored and emptied by Rent-a-Can – including the 3 Parks and Recreation toilets. The GFF sanitation crew will also empty the P&R trash

containers provided next to the handwashing station.

16 Restoration Plan

A time will be scheduled with MOA Parks and Recreation personnel to perform a walk through the Forest Fair Park previous to the Friends of Forest Fair event and within 24 hours post event to identify any areas of restoration that need to be mitigated due to the impact of the Forest Fair.

17 Vendors

There are approximately 300 booth spaces available, at this time we anticipate around 300 vendor booths for this event. Concessions range from handmade arts and crafts to non-carnival type foods. Our vendor community consists of the following approximation:

- Kids Booths – 15%
- Arts Booths – 55%
- Senior Booths – 5%
- Non-profit vendors – 5%
- Food Booths – 20%

Vendor set up day is the day prior to the event and the Booth Coordinator is available to assist in vendor set up. Committee members and volunteers are encouraged to participate in helping with final event preparations during this day.

18 Bear Awareness

Due to issues with nuisance bears in previous years, Girdwood Forest Fair is raising awareness and placing more responsibility on food vendors and craft vendors selling items that may attract bears (food, and good smelling lotions, tea, candles, etc.) to help keep our community and wildlife safe.

Vendors will be personally responsible for securing and bear proofing their wares. Vendors who fail to do so will be reported to Fish and Wildlife authorities, and potentially fined. Girdwood Forest Fair will not invite vendors to return who do not practice due diligence in regard to bear safety.

The Girdwood Forest Fair will provide bear proof containers in the campground for campers and vendors to secure food. Food is not allowed to be stored in the general campground area.

19 Friends of Forest Fair

Every year on the weekend before Forest Fair, the annual Friends of Forest Fair work weekend event occurs where hundreds of volunteers show up to prepare the park for visitors. They rake and clear away the dead fall, clean up debris from the previous winter, fill potholes, and plant flowers in the Marlow Pavilion containers they built. Weed whacking and removal of cow parsnip in highly traveled areas is also performed during Friends of Forest Fair weekend. Alders are trimmed (fire mitigated) back to permit

clear access in camping areas and frisbee golf areas.

Once the hard work has been completed to restore and maintain the Forest Fair park, the Forest Fair committee hosts a community barbeque to thank our tireless volunteers. This weekend is requested to be covered in the permit for park use and will be covered via the Insurance Policy.

20 Appendix

The following documents are in process of submission and for approval of this event.

Appendix Status Update

- Maps
 - Booth map update
 - Camping Map
 - Parking Map
 - Emergency area map
- Noise Permit
 - To be submitted to traffic and Dept of Health
- HLB Camping Permit
 - To beSubmitted to HLB
- Camping Map
 - Include camper area identification signs
- AMCO Permit
 - To be submitted to AMCO
- GFF Insurance
 - Additional insured for MOA, Alyeska Resort, Diamond Mall, HLB
- Waste Management
 - Alaska Waste confirmed for dumpsters
- Fire Department
 - Submit permit to AFD
 - Paula Bogdan safety officer coordination walk through with Anchorage Fire for inspection before fair.
 - Bus drop off and pick up at side of Glacier City Hall for Anchorage Bus
- Alyeska Resort Parking Agreement
 - Parking Agreement In progress
- P&R Alcohol Waiver
 - Submitted.
- Special Events Permit Request
 - Submitted
- P&R Waiver Request
 - To be requested at April or May GBOS meeting?
- Rent-a-Can
 - Confirmed same as last year.
- Security Contract
 - RFP out for bid. Contract TBD April
- GFF P&L Statement
 - GFF Treasurer will provide
- Parade Permit - Fire Department
 - Submitting to AFD
 - Parade Permit – Right of Way – submitting with traffic plan
- Traffic Control Contract
 - Confirmed with Traffic Control Services LLC
 - Intent to share on site cost with GBOS for towing – need bids from alternate Tow companies and consensus on contractor and cost for 2026

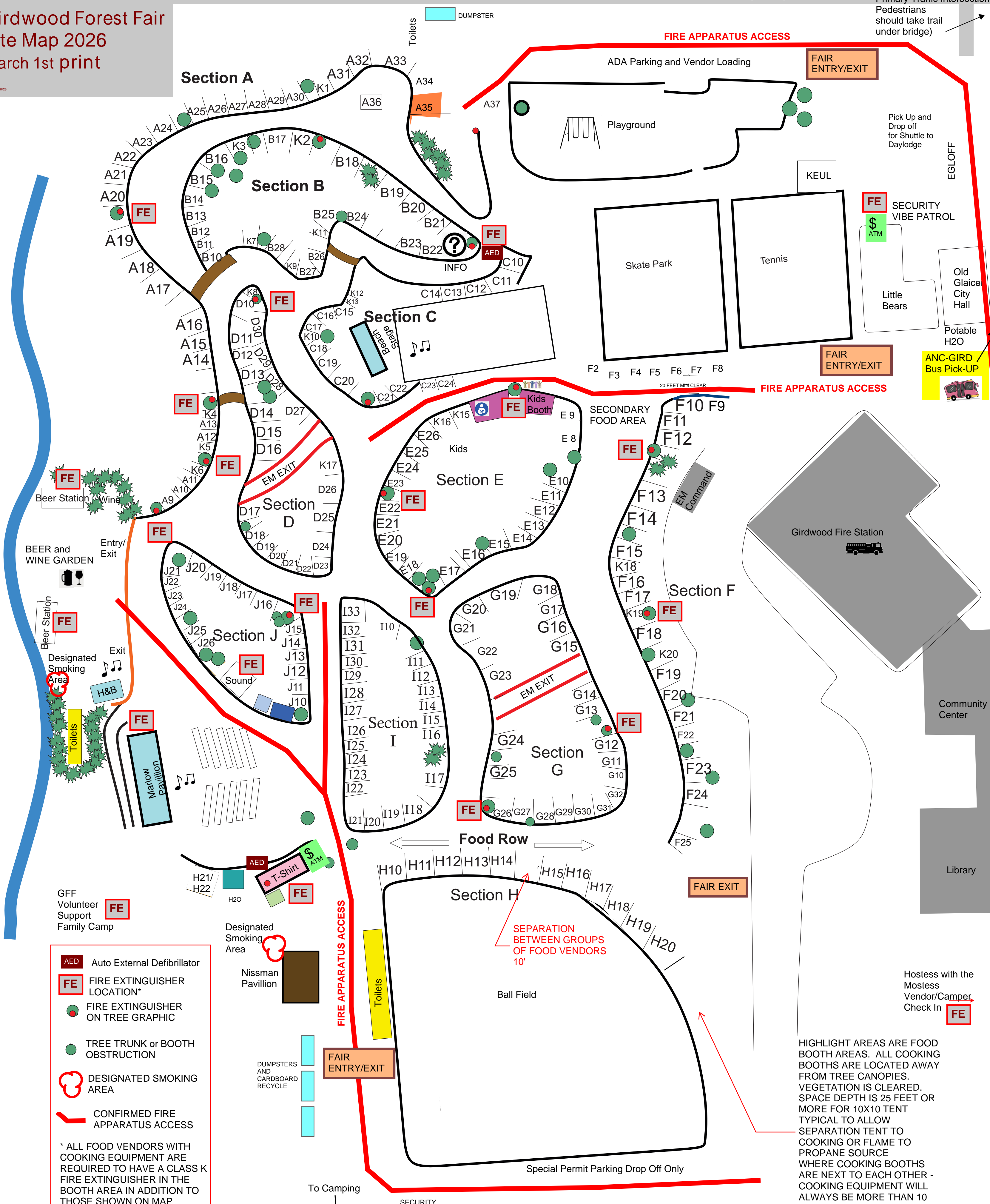
Girdwood Forest Fair Site Map 2026

March 1st print

Update 6/30/23

ALYESKA HIGHWAY

Primary Traffic Intersection
Pedestrians should take trail under bridge)



- Auto External Defibrillator
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATION*
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER ON TREE GRAPHIC
- TREE TRUNK or BOOTH OBSTRUCTION
- DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA
- CONFIRMED FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS

* ALL FOOD VENDORS WITH COOKING EQUIPMENT ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CLASS K FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE BOOTH AREA IN ADDITION TO THOSE SHOWN ON MAP

HIGHLIGHT AREAS ARE FOOD BOOTH AREAS. ALL COOKING BOOTHS ARE LOCATED AWAY FROM TREE CANOPIES. VEGETATION IS CLEARED. SPACE DEPTH IS 25 FEET OR MORE FOR 10X10 TENT TYPICAL TO ALLOW SEPARATION TENT TO COOKING OR FLAME TO PROPANE SOURCE WHERE COOKING BOOTHS ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER - COOKING EQUIPMENT WILL ALWAYS BE MORE THAN 10 FEET APART BOOTH TO BOOTH

To Camping
SECURITY OUTPOST

Special Permit Parking Drop Off Only

Parks and Recreation

Request For Fee Waiver

This form serves as your fee waiver application. Indicate the amount requested to be waived, person making the request, and other information to assist in processing this request. Supporting documents may be required. In order to serve you better, we need to receive this request a **minimum of seven (7)** working days before your event.

This Portion Filled Out by Customer

Name: Girdwood Forest Fair

(Name of person or organization requesting waiver)

Facility to be used: Girdwood Forest Fair Park, Lions Park, Marlow, Nissman, Camping area

Date(s) of Use: June 26 -July 8 2026

Time of Use: 11am-11pm

Identify specific charges to be waived and indicate your justification for this request

We request all fees to be waived for our use of the park during the setup and days of the event. The Girdwood Forest Fair has been cleaning, maintaining, improving the park for 50 years and holds its annual festival for the enjoyment and benefit of the community. We are an all volunteer non-profit that donates proceeds from the Fair back to other non-profits and organizations in the Girdwood area that support our community members. These fees have been waived for many years and we believe Girdwood Forest Fair is a good steward of the community and the park resources and should be granted waiver from fees to utilize the park for this event.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED TO BE WAIVED : _____

Prepared by : KarenZaccaro GFF Secretary Telephone: 907.382.0607

This Portion Filled Out by Staff

Deposit required _____ Permit # _____

Comments and justification regarding waiver: _____

Action Recommended: _____

Amount Recommended: \$ _____

Approved/Disapproved by: _____

Notes to Waiver: _____

The following items must be presented in order to begin processing your application.

1. Type or print all information on the **Request for Fee Waiver** form.
2. Provide a **Letter of Intent** and facility request.
3. Attach a cost breakdown and support documentation for the request
4. Submit the above items to the Park manager of the facility requested

Guidelines for considering a Fee Waiver Approval

Girdwood Parks and Recreation Department looks at the following criteria for considering a fee waiver approval:

1. Is it a public event? Girdwood Parks and Recreation generally grants fee waivers to events that are open to the public only.
2. Is there an admission fee, donations, or sales collected at the event?
3. How does this event benefit the community? What is the focus of the event? Event for family, children or general community recreation?
4. How have the organizers of this group volunteered/contributed or in other ways supported parks & Recreation? Has your group volunteered for other Parks & Recreation functions that have benefitted the community such as Beautification, clean up functions and other partnership functions?
5. Is this a request for a fee waiver or for co-sponsorship? If requesting a co-sponsorship, please provide the following information: Background information on company/activity, event beneficiary and explain the direct benefits to be realized by the community and or Pa& R Division.

After submittal of the complete request, the review process will take a minimum of seven (7) working days. **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT!!! Fee waivers not turned in with adequate processing time may be denied.** You will be notified of the decision. If a fee is assessed, payment is due at the time you sign and pick up your permit.

**Municipality
of
Anchorage**



*P.O. Box 390
Girdwood, Alaska 99587
<http://www.muni.org/gbos>
Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor*

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jennifer Wingard, Chair
Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews*

**Resolution 2026-XX
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution of Support for amendment to 21.05.040G.2.b
to Clarify Park Master Plan Review Process for Turnagain Arm Area Parks**

WHEREAS, during the Girdwood Parks Master Plan process, there was some confusion in the adoption process adopting plans for parks in the Turnagain Arm area; and

WHEREAS, amendment to 21.05.040G.2.b will update the review process to match the existing review process for park projects in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will not add any new requirements, but provide clarity in the code without adjustment to the threshold for reviews; and

WHEREAS, this action is recommended by the Girdwood Land Use Committee by assent vote at their regular meeting on May 11, 2026;

THEREFORE, the GBOS supports code amendment to clarify the adoption process for Turnagain Arm Area Parks Master Plans to match that of other parks within the Municipality of Anchorage

Passed by a vote of x in favor x opposed this 18th day of May 2026.

Brian Burnett
GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department
Current Planning Division
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650
Phone: 907-343-7943

CASE NO: 2026-0062

PLANNER: Elizabeth Appleby

REQUEST: Review and Recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission to the Anchorage Assembly of a Draft Ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 21.05.040, Community Uses: Definitions And Use-Specific Standards To Provide Clarity On The Review Process For Park Master Plans in Turnagain Arm.

COMMENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Planning and Zoning Commission
Loussac Library Assembly Chambers
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Hearing Date: Monday, June 08, 2026

Agency Comments Due: Monday, May 04, 2026

Council Comments Due: Monday, May 11, 2026

COMMUNITY COUNCIL(S):

All Community Councils
Federation of Community Councils
CERAB



Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department
Memorandum



DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Reviewing Agencies

SUBJECT: 2026-0062, Amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 Chapter 21.05.040G.2.b., Use-Specific Standards for Turnagain Arm public or private parks, to Clarify the Review Process for Park Master Plans

The purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate confusion regarding reviews of park plans for parks located in Turnagain Arm area, which includes Girdwood. The need for this Title 21 amendment came to light in pondering how to direct review of the forthcoming *Girdwood Parks Plan*. The proposed amendment updates the review process to match the existing review process for park projects in Anchorage. The intent is not to add any new requirements, but to provide clarity in the code so that a park plan goes through a park master plan review process, like they do in Anchorage, and not a site plan review process. The code change does not adjust the threshold for reviews.

Your comments will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage**. Recommendations from the Commission will be forwarded to the Assembly.

Submit written comments in the following ways:

by CityView: <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm>
(insert case number 2026-0062)

by email: Anchorage2040@muni.org

by fax: (907) 343-7927

by mail: Current Planning Division
MOA Planning Department
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Appleby at 907-343-7925 in the Planning Department.

Attachment: Draft Ordinance

Resolution 2026-XX

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

FOR THE ANNUAL REPLACEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE, TURNOUTS AND BEDS.

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire and Rescue annually test fire hose and replaces the needed lengths of hose and firefighting tools and anticipates replacing approximately \$10,000 of fire hose and equipment; and

Whereas, the fire department has 6 mattresses past the MOA replacement cycle, and needs to replace 6 mattresses using MOA supply contract for an anticipated cost of \$4,800; and,

Whereas the fire department annually replaces 3-4 sets of turnouts and personal protective firefighting equipment for an anticipated cost of \$5,200, and

Whereas, the Girdwood Fire and Rescue Board on April 28, 2026 approved by resolution support of these purchases from the capital account.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the purchase of hose, firefighting tools, turnouts and mattresses at a combined cost not to exceed \$20,000 (TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS)

PASSED AND APPROVED

Resolution 2026-XX
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1 FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, in 2022, Girdwood Fire and Rescue Inc (GFR) identified the need to purchase 3 replacement command vehicles, and this was discussed and approved both the Girdwood Fire Board and Girdwood Board of Supervisors with the proposal that 2 vehicles would be purchased from the 406 account and one vehicle was proposed to be purchased from Areawide EMS due to its function of moving medical supplies; and

Whereas, in 2023, the MOA funded 2 of the command vehicles with SEMT funding and determined the third vehicle would need to be from the Girdwood 406 account; and,

Whereas 3 years have passed and the Girdwood Fire and Rescue Board on April 29, 2026 reaffirmed their approval to purchase one command vehicle of the 406 account; and,

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the purchase of one vehicle replacement at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the GFR 406 Capital Account.

PASSED AND APPROVED

GHEC Proposed additions to Section 9:

Skirting around the base of the mobile dwelling

Connection to sewer

Street facing façade (siding) to match that of the main dwelling

LUC Discussion, not included in motion:

Concern about grouping of smaller units along Alyeska Highway viewshed, consider removal of Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community for gR-1.

Consider line 245 in section 9. Remove and retain design standards for relocatable dwelling units.

Agree with connection to sewer

Other info submitted for this conversation:

2 links relevant to the proposed relocatable dwelling unit ordinance coming before GBOS for consideration.

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Publications/pdf/mfghsg_HUD_2011.pdf

<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18179>

The second link is to the MOA Planning Staff report on the Anchorage ordinance that was referred to GHEC by GBOS.

Submitted by:
Prepared by:
For Reading:

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2026-___**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMC SECTIONS 21.09.020, 21.09.040(C)(2)(b)ii), AND 21.09.050(A)(5) TABLE 21.09-2 "TABLE OF ALLOWED USES" TO ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR SMALL FORMS OF HOUSING AND RELOCATABLE DWELLING UNITS IN THE gR-1, gC-5 and gC-8 ZONING DISTRICTS

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2026-00__

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that as a resort community, Girdwood faces high external housing demand and has seen a drastic increase in short term rentals in the last 10 years, making it challenging for year-round residents of Girdwood to obtain housing, and raising concerns among residents that the character of this beloved and close-knit community will be lost as community members, especially working and middle class families, will be increasingly priced out of the housing market; and

WHEREAS, to meet the housing needs in Girdwood, the development of housing that is at least 50% occupied as primary residences whether owner occupied or leased on a five-month to yearly basis should be prioritized; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood has an estimated immediate need to add at least 150-300 units of year-round permanent housing for residents to its inventory and this demand will be updated through the Girdwood Area Plan that is underway; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that the Girdwood community seeks some relief to the housing pressures experienced by current and future full-time residents of Girdwood, specifically by providing more stable long-term rental property and more attainable housing to those at 120 percent and below area median incomes; and

WHEREAS,; one way to provide more stable long-term rental property and more ; attainable housing to those at 120 percent and below area median incomes is to reduce current zoning regulations restricting what property may be used for residential purposes; and

43 **WHEREAS**, current zoning regulations for Girdwood as set forth in AMC 21.09 do
44 not permit use of “mobile homes” or “relocatable housing” in zoning districts gC-5
45 and gC-8 and;
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47 **WHEREAS**, permitting use of “mobile homes” or “relocatable housing” in zoning
48 districts gC-5 and gC-8 can reasonably be expected to increase the supply of more
49 attainable housing to those at 120 percent and below area median incomes
50 residential property in Girdwood thereby providing more stable long-term rental
51 property and more attainable housing to those at 120 percent and below area
52 median incomes; and
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54 **WHEREAS**, AO-2025-45 was adopted to expand the allowable uses of relocatable
55 homes in all areas of Anchorage except Girdwood ; and
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57 **WHEREAS**, ; similarly expanding the allowable uses of relocatable homes in the gC-
58 5, gR-1 and gC-8 zoning districts in Girdwood is in the public interest; and
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61 **WHEREAS**, ; **WHEREAS**, one of the goals of the Anchorage 2020—Anchorage Bowl
62 Comprehensive Plan is for a balanced, diverse supply of affordable, quality housing,
63 located in safe and livable neighborhoods with amenities and infrastructure, that
64 reflects Anchorage’s varied social, cultural, and physical environment; and,
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66 **WHEREAS**, Policy #59 of the Anchorage 2020—Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive
67 Plan calls for the Municipality to recognize mobile home parks, co-ops, and common
68 ownership interests as viable, affordable housing choices and neighborhood
69 lifestyle options; and,
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71 **WHEREAS**, Goal #3 of the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan calls for Anchorage’s
72 neighborhoods to provide a range of places to live, meeting the housing needs of
73 residents at all income levels, household sizes, interests, ages, abilities, and races
74 and ethnicities; and,
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76 **WHEREAS**,; and
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79 **WHEREAS**, following required public noticing, [insert summary of public process
80 here] ; now, therefore,
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82 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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84 **Section 1. Amendment of AMC 21.09.040(B)(2)(a)(ii).** AMC 21.09.040(B)(2)(a)(ii)
85 is hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is
86 underlined]:

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88 a. gR-1 (Alyeska Highway Mixed Residential) district.

89 i. Location. The gR-1 district is located in two sections along Alyeska Highway
90 from just north of the railroad to just past the junction with Crow Creek Road and
91 encompasses already-sewered, established and largely developed residential
92 neighborhoods characterized generally by single-family detached and two-family
93 development.

94 ii. Intent. The intent of this district is to continue the existing pattern of
95 development as dwelling units are constructed on the remaining undeveloped lots,
96 and to permit development of hostels, inns and multiple-family housing. Relocatable
97 dwelling units on individual lots are allowed in this district.

98 iii. District-specific standard. More than one principal structure may be
99 allowed on any lot or tract by administrative site plan review.

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102 **Section 2. Amendment of AMC 21.09.040(C)(2)(e)(ii).** AMC 21.09.040(C)(2)(e)(ii)
103 is hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is
104 underlined]:

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106 ii. *Intent.* This district is the southern extension of the new townsite.
107 Development in this district is intended to include a blending of commercial,
108 institutional, residential and park uses, with new and modified access routes
109 established. Small commercial lots are anticipated along the extension of south
110 Hightower, where a main street character, similar to the north townsite area, is
111 intended. This may differ from larger lot commercial development at the south end
112 of the commercial district, where a larger structure (grocery store) is anticipated.
113 Although buildings are likely to be larger than in new townsite areas north of the
114 Alyeska Highway, the desired character is expected to be compatible with
115 Girdwood's mining town origins, using elements such as human-scale building
116 massing; varied rooflines; protected entries; traditional window forms; well-detailed
117 retail frontages; and use of natural materials. Relocatable dwelling units on
118 individual lots are allowed in this district.

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121 **Section 3. Amendment of AMC 21.09.040(C)(3)(a).** AMC 21.09.040(C)(3)(a) is
122 hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is
123 underlined]:

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125 a. Ground-floor residential. In the gC-2, ~~gC-5~~, and gC-7, ~~and gC-8~~ commercial
126 districts, residential uses are permitted only on an upper story above the ground floor.
127 Commercial and/or other non-residential uses shall occupy the ground floor.

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129 **Section 4. Amendment of AMC 21.09.040(C)(3)(b).** AMC 21.09.040(C)(3)(b) is
130 hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is
131 underlined]:

132 b. Arcades and covered walkways in the New Girdwood Townsite. In the gC-
133 5, gC-7, gC-8 and gC-9 districts, arcades or roofed walkways are required along the
134 street face of all new commercial buildings and as part of any application for
135 modification or redevelopment. In the gaps between buildings within these districts,
136 privately maintained walkways are required. Development standards for arcades
137 and walkways on building frontages are established in subsection 21.09.080 E.5.d.

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140 **Section 5. Amendment of Table 21.09-2.** AMC 21.09.050(A)(5) titled Table of
141 Allowed Uses is hereby amended as follows:

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144 A. A new "Use Type" row labeled "Relocatable Dwelling Unit is added to the
145 Household Living Use Category.

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147 B. A new "Use Type" row labeled "Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community, is added
148 to the Household Living Use Type column.

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150 C. A "P" is added to the gC-5 column in the Dwelling Unit Relocatable Use Type
151 row.

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153 D. A "P" is added to the gC-5 column in the Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community,
154 Use Type row.

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156 E. A "P" is added to the gC-8 column in the Dwelling Unit Relocatable, Use Type
157 row.

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159 F. A "P" is added to the gC-8 column in the Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community,
160 Use Type row.

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162 G. A "P" is added to the gR-1 column in the Relocatable Dwelling Unit
163 Community, Use Type row.

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165 H. A "P" is added to the gR-1 column in the Dwelling Unit Relocatable, Use Type
166 row.

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171 **Section 6. Amendment of AMC 21.09.060(B)(1).** AMC 21.09.060(B)(1)
172 Amendment of Table 21.09-2. AMC 21.09.060(B)(1) titled Table of Dimensional

Standards Girdwood Residential Districts for the R-1 Alyeska Highway mixed residential district is hereby amended as follows:

A. A new "Use Type" row labeled "Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community, is added to the Uses Column.

B. "Dwelling, single family detached" is hereby amended to read: "Dwelling, single family detached, relocatable dwelling unit".

C. Dimensional standards are added for the Relocatable Dwelling Unit Community Use type using the following language:

See 21.05.030(A)(8)(b)

NOTE: the above language applies existing single family residential dimensional standards for minimum lot size, setbacks and lot coverage for relocatable dwelling units on individual lots in the gR-1 district. For any new trailer parks the standards used by Anchorage will apply. No change to minimum lot sizes, setbacks etc. in gC-5 and gC-8.

NOTE: MOBILE DWELLING UNITS NOT ALLOWED IN FLOODPLAIN

SEE- PZC Case No. 2025-0045 for background information. AO2025-112 is source document.:

Section 7. Amendment of AMC 21.09.070(K)(1)(a). AMC 21.09.040(K)(1)(a) is hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is underlined]:

K. Snow management.

1. Commercial, community, industrial, and residential uses.

a. Applicability.

i. Single-family, two-family, relocatable and townhouse dwellings on individual lots are exempt from this section.

ii. Applicants in Girdwood may instead comply with the generally applicable snow storage provisions of subsection 21.07.040F., except that storage of snow is prohibited in natural vegetation areas required by subsection 21.09.070E.4.

Section 8. Amendment of AMC 21.09.070(M)(2)(b). AMC 21.09.070(M)(2)(b) is hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is underlined]:

218 b. Single-family, two-family, relocatable dwelling unit and townhouse.
 219 The sign standards of Section 21.12.050 shall apply to a single-family
 220 dwelling, relocatable dwelling unit, duplex or townhome, except only one
 221 freestanding identification sign shall be allowed for any residential
 222 subdivision.

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 225 **Section 9. Amendment of AMC 21.09.080(A).** AMC 21.09.080(A) is hereby
 226 amended to read as follows [deletions are overstruck, new language is underlined]:

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 229 **21.09.080 - Building design standards.**

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 231 A. Purpose and general goals. The design standards establish control over
 232 certain aspects of the design of multiple-family, commercial, and resort development
 233 in order to retain the visual beauty and character of Girdwood Valley's natural
 234 landscape and to reduce the visual and physical problems arising from poor site
 235 planning. Except as modified by an approved development master plan, these
 236 standards apply to new or remodeled development, as noted in the specific
 237 applicability statements, and related new accessory structures. Specific purposes
 238 include:

- 239 1. To preserve and reinforce the unique natural qualities of the site;
- 240 2. To fit the building into the land in a way to keep natural landforms and
- 241 features intact; and
- 242 3. To treat the building as an integral part of the natural environment and an
- 243 attractive addition to the Girdwood community.

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 245 The standards contained in this section shall not apply to relocatable dwelling units.

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 247 No part of Chapter 21.09, is meant to preclude, discourage, or inhibit the design,
 248 installation, or implementation of ecologically sound methods of harnessing and
 249 utilizing wind, solar, hydro, or other sources of renewable energy in Girdwood.

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 251 **Section 10.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and
 252 approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

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 254 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
 255 _____, 2026.

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 260 Chair

261 ATTEST:

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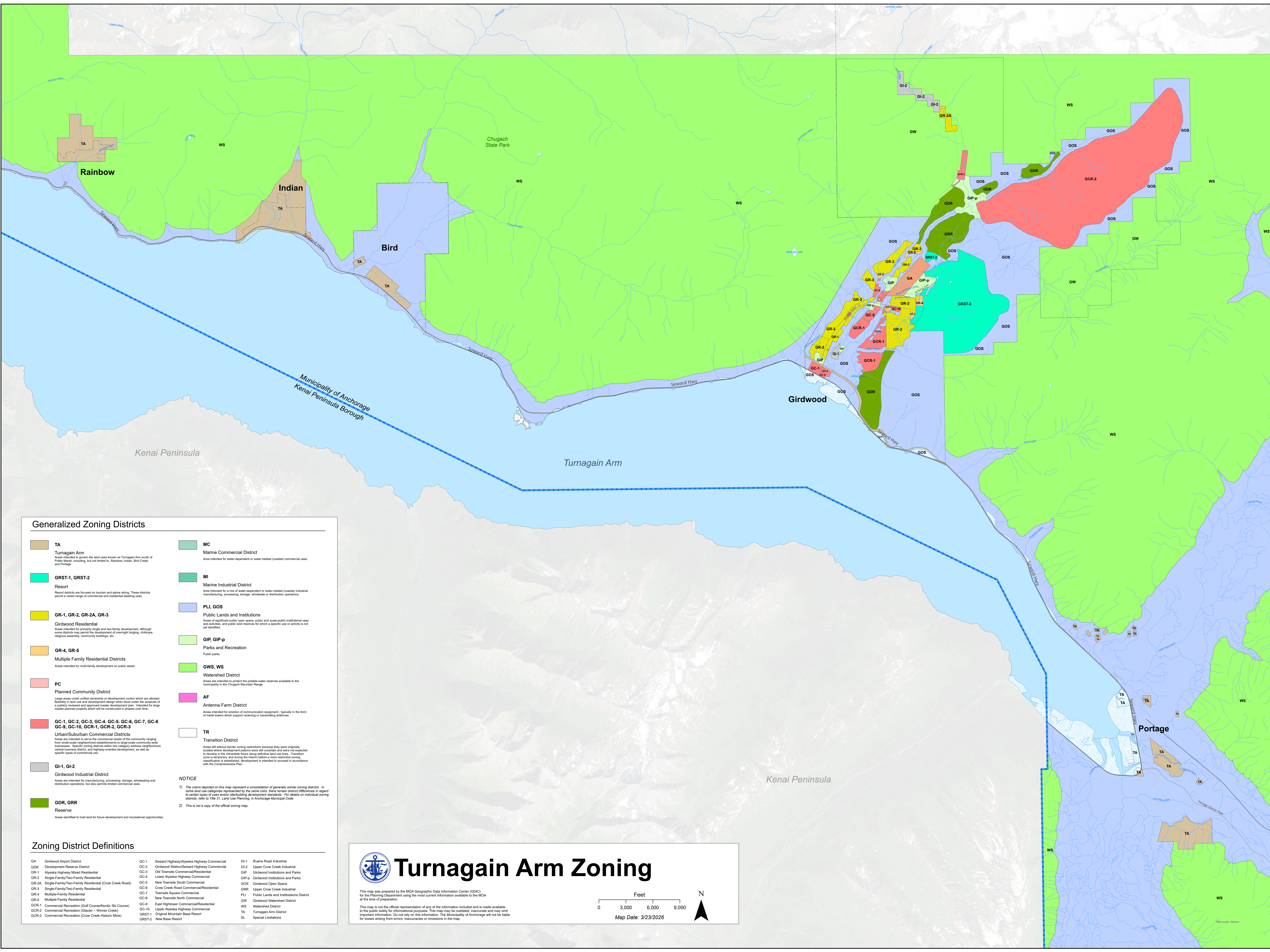
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Municipal Clerk

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Generalized Zoning Districts

- TA**
Turnagain Arm
Areas intended to govern the land uses known as Turnagain Arm south of Foster Marsh, including, but not limited to, Rainbow, Indian, Bird Creek, and Portage.
- GRST-1, GRST-2**
Resort
Resort districts are focused on tourism and alpine skiing. These districts permit a varied range of commercial and residential dwelling uses.
- GR-1, GR-2, GR-2A, GR-3**
Girdwood Residential
Areas intended for primarily single and two-family development, although some districts may permit the development of overnight lodging, childcare, religious assembly, community buildings, etc.
- GR-4, GR-5**
Multiple Family Residential Districts
Areas intended for multi-family development on public sewer.
- PC**
Planned Community District
Large areas under unified ownership or development control which are allowed flexibility in later use and development design when done under the auspices of a publicly reviewed and approved master development plan. Intended for large master-planned projects which will be constructed in phases over time.
- GC-1, GC-2, GC-3, GC-4, GC-5, GC-6, GC-7, GC-8, GC-9, GC-10, GCR-1, GCR-2, GCR-3**
Urban/Suburban Commercial Districts
Areas are intended to serve the commercial needs of the community ranging from small-scale neighborhood establishments to large-scale community-wide businesses. Specific zoning districts within the category address neighborhood, central business district, and highway-oriented development, as well as specific types of commercial use.
- GI-1, GI-2**
Girdwood Industrial District
Areas are intended for manufacturing, processing, storage, wholesaling and distribution operations, but also permits limited commercial uses.
- GDR, GRR**
Reserve
Areas identified to hold land for future development and recreational opportunities.
- MC**
Marine Commercial District
Area intended for water-dependent or water-related (coastal) commercial uses.
- MI**
Marine Industrial District
Area intended for a mix of water-dependent or water-related (coastal) industrial manufacturing, processing, storage, wholesale or distribution operations.
- PLI, GOS**
Public Lands and Institutions
Areas of significant public open space, public and quasi-public institutional uses and activities, and public land reserves for which a specific use or activity is not yet identified.
- GIP, GIP-p**
Parks and Recreation
Public parks.
- GWS, WS**
Watershed District
Areas are intended to protect the potable water reserves available to the municipality in the Chugach Mountain Range.
- AF**
Antenna Farm District
Areas intended for erection of communication equipment, typically in the form of metal towers which support receiving or transmitting antennas.
- TR**
Transition District
Areas left without stricter zoning restrictions because they were originally located where development patterns were still uncertain and were not expected to develop in the immediate future along definitive land use lines. Transition zones are temporary, and during the interim a more restrictive zoning classification is established, development is intended to proceed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

NOTICE

- 1) The colors depicted on this map represent a consolidation of generally similar zoning districts. In some land use categories represented by the same color, there remain distinct differences in regard to certain types of uses and/or siting/development standards. For details on individual zoning districts, refer to Title 21, Land Use Planning, in Anchorage Municipal Code.
- 2) This is not a copy of the official zoning map.

Zoning District Definitions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA Girdwood Airport District GDR Girdwood Development Reserve District GR-1 Alyeska Highway Mixed Residential GR-2 Single-Family/Two-Family Residential GR-2A Single-Family/Two-Family Residential (Crow Creek Road) GR-3 Single-Family/Two-Family Residential GR-4 Multiple-Family Residential GR-5 Multiple-Family Residential GCR-1 Commercial Recreation (Golf Course/ Nordic Ski Course) GCR-2 Commercial Recreation (Crescent - Winner Creek) GCR-3 Commercial Recreation (Crow Creek Historic Mine) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GC-1 Seward Highway/Alyeska Highway Commercial GC-2 Glenwood Station/Seward Highway Commercial GC-3 Old Townsite Commercial/Residential GC-4 Lower Alyeska Highway Commercial GC-5 New Townsite South Commercial GC-6 Crow Creek Road Commercial/Residential GC-7 Townsite Square Commercial GC-8 New Townsite North Commercial GC-9 East Higlowater Commercial/Residential GC-10 Upper Alyeska Highway Commercial GRST-1 Original Mountain Base Resort GRST-2 New Base Resort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GI-1 Ruess Road Industrial GI-2 Upper Crow Creek Industrial GIP Girdwood Institutions and Parks GIP-p Girdwood Institutions and Parks GOS Girdwood Open Space GRR Upper Crow Creek Industrial PLI Public Lands and Institutions District GW Girdwood Watershed District WS Watershed District TA Turnagain Arm District RL Special Limitations
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Turnagain Arm Zoning

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Map Date: 3/23/2026

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**Municipality
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Girdwood, Alaska 99587
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Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews*

LETTER OF NON-OBJECTION

May 18, 2026

TO: Municipal Clerk's Office
RE: The Herbal Cache #M19277 Renewal

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS), by a vote of X in favor X opposed at the Girdwood Board of Supervisors May 18, 2026 Regular meeting, has no objection to the marijuana retail renewal listed below:

M19277 THE HERBAL CACHE 158 Holmgren Pl., Ste. 101 Girdwood

The Girdwood Land Use Committee recommended Non-Objection by assent their May 11, 2026 regular meeting.

Jennifer Wingard
Land Use Supervisor

Date



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501
Main: 907.269.0350

May 6, 2026

Licensee: The Herbal Cache LLC
 DBA: The Herbal Cache LLC
 VIA email: brent.carse@gmail.com
 Local Government: Municipality of Anchorage
 Via Email: miranda.honest@anchorageak.gov, liza.spano@anchorageak.gov,
elizabeth.appleby@anchorageak.gov, shawn.odell@anchorageak.gov, gloria.stewart@anchorageak.gov,
lori.blake@anchorageak.gov, bradley.larson@anchorageak.gov, elaine.quiboloy-reid@anchorageak.gov
 Community Council: Girdwood
 Via Email: gbos@muni.org

BCC: amco.admin@alaska.gov

Re: Retail Marijuana Store License Combined Renewal Notice

License Number:	#19277
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
Licensee:	The Herbal Cache LLC
Doing Business As:	The Herbal Cache LLC
Physical Address:	158 Holmgren Place Suite 101 Girdwood, AK 99587 UNITED STATES
Designated Licensee:	Brent Carse
Phone Number:	907-764-7108
Email Address:	brent.carse@gmail.com

License Renewal Application Endorsement Renewal Application

Dear Licensee:

After reviewing your renewal documents, AMCO staff has deemed the application complete for the purposes of 3 AAC 306.035(c).

Your application will now be sent electronically, in its entirety, to your local government, your community council (if your proposed premises is in Anchorage or certain locations in the Mat-Su Borough), and to any

non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local government has 60 days to protest your application per 3 AAC 306.060.

At the May 15, 2017 Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications. However, the board is required to consider this application independently if you have been issued any notices of violation for this license, if your local government protests this application, or if a public objection to this application is received within 30 days of this notice under 3 AAC 306.065.

If AMCO staff determines that your application requires independent board consideration for any reason, you will be sent an email notification regarding your mandatory board appearance. Upon final approval, your 2026/2027 license will be provided to you during your annual inspection. If our office determines that an inspection is not necessary, the license will be mailed to you at the mailing address on file for your establishment.

Please feel free to contact us through the marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov email address if you have any questions.

Dear Local Government:

AMCO has received a complete renewal application and/or endorsement renewal application for a marijuana establishment within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To protest the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060, you must furnish the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of the date of this notice, and provide AMCO proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

3 AAC 306.060 states that the board will uphold a local government protest and deny an application for a marijuana establishment license unless the board finds that a protest by a local government is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the protest is a "conditional protest" as defined in 3 AAC 306.060(d)(2) and the application otherwise meets all the criteria set forth by the regulations, the Marijuana Control Board may approve the license renewal, but require the applicant to show to the board's satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have been met before the director issues the license.

At the May 15, 2017, Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications with no protests, objections, or notices of violation. However, if a timely protest or objection is filed for this application, or if any notices of violation have been issued for this license, the board will consider the application. In those situations, a temporary license will be issued pending board consideration.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



Kevin Richard, Director
907-269-0350

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

License Number: 19277

License Status: Active-Operating

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store

Doing Business As: THE HERBAL CACHE LLC

Business License Number: 1078189

Designated Licensee: Brent Carse

Email Address: brent.carse@gmail.com

Local Government: Anchorage (Municipality of)

Local Government 2:

Community Council: Girdwood

Latitude, Longitude: 60.963400, -149.135900

Physical Address: 158 Holmgren Place Suite 101
Girdwood, AK 99587
UNITED STATES

Licensee #1

Type: Entity

Alaska Entity Number: 10089476

Alaska Entity Name: The Herbal Cache LLC

Phone Number: 907-764-7108

Email Address: Ak.powder@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 822
Girdwood, AK 99587
UNITED STATES

Entity Official #1

Type: Individual

Name: Brent Carse

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone Number: 907-764-7108

Email Address: Ak.powder@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Bo 822
Girdwood, AK 99587
UNITED STATES

Note: No affiliates entered for this license.



Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Form MJ-20: 2026-2027 Renewal Application Certifications

What is this form?

This renewal application certifications form is required for all marijuana establishment license renewal applications. Each person signing an application for a marijuana establishment license must declare that he/she has read and is familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306. A person other than a licensee may not have direct or indirect financial interest (as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e)(1)) in the business for which a marijuana establishment license is issued, per 3 AAC 306.015(a).

This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's main office by each licensee (as defined in 3 AAC 306.020(b)(2)) before any license renewal application will be considered complete.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the licensed establishment, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	The Herbal Cache LLC	License Number:	19277		
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store				
Doing Business As:	The Herbal Cache LLC				
Premises Address:	158 Holmgren Place Suite 101				
City:	Girdwood	State:	AK	ZIP:	99587

Section 2 – Individual Information

Enter information for the individual licensee who is completing this form.

Name:	Brent Carse
Title:	Owner

Section 3 – Violations & Charges

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of any applicable statements:

Initials

I certify that I have **not** been convicted of any criminal charge in the previous two calendar years.

I certify that I have **not** committed any civil violation of AS 04, AS 17.38, or 3 AAC 306 in the previous two calendar years.

I certify that a notice of violation has **not** been issued for this license between July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Sign your initials to the following statement only if you are unable to certify one or more of the above statements:

Initials

I have attached a written explanation for why I cannot certify one or more of the above statements, which includes the type of violation or offense, as required under 3 AAC 306.035(b).

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AMCO



Form MJ-20: Renewal Application Certifications

Section 4 – Certifications

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of each statement:

Initials

I certify that no person other than a licensee listed on my marijuana establishment license renewal application has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e)(1), in the business for which the marijuana establishment license has been issued.

BC

I certify that I meet the residency requirement under AS 43.23 or I have submitted a residency exception affidavit (MJ-20a) along with this application.

BC

I certify that this establishment complies with any applicable health, fire, safety, or tax statute, ordinance, regulation, or other law in the state.

BC

I certify that the license is operated in accordance with the operating plan currently approved by the Marijuana Control Board.

BC

I certify that I am operating in compliance with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's laws and requirements pertaining to employees.

BC

I certify that I have not violated any restrictions pertaining to this particular license type, and that this license has not been operated in violation of a condition or restriction imposed by the Marijuana Control Board.

BC

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form, the online application, or any other form provided by or to AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

BC

As an applicant for a marijuana establishment license renewal, I declare under penalty of unsworn falsification that I have read and am familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306, and that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, is true, correct, and complete. I agree to provide all information required by the Marijuana Control Board in support of this application and understand that failure to do so by any deadline given to me by AMCO staff may result in additional fees or expiration of this license.

Signature of licensee

Brent Carse

Printed name of licensee

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