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**Resolution 2015-01
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF A HLB LAND USE
PERMIT FOR LITTLE BEARS PLAYHOUSE, INC**

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. has rented the facility located on Girdwood Parks and Recreation Park Parcel for many years; and

WHEREAS, child care is an issue critical to Girdwood residents; and

WHEREAS, the lease term is one year with five one-year extensions, under the same terms and conditions as previous leases for the same property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Girdwood Board of Supervisors expresses its support for extension of the HLB Land Use Permit for Little Bears to continue to lease the facility located in the Girdwood Parks and Recreation's dedicated park parcel.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 16th day of February, 2015.



David Chadwick, for the Girdwood Board of Supervisors



Attest

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Resolution 2015-02 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

The following RESOLUTION was passed by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors on May 11, 2015.

RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, the projected State Public Safety Budget will eliminate the Girdwood Alaska State Trooper (AST) Post on January 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, Anchorage Police Department (APD) and Municipal Attorney have presented Girdwood with two alternatives for police protection:

- Join the APD Service Area and be assessed 2.97 mils (estimated minimum cost). This option requires an area wide vote and would add 75% to Girdwood individual property tax bills for city services.
- Create a local Girdwood Police Service Area and be assessed 7.17 mils, almost doubling property taxes in Girdwood. This option requires only a vote by Girdwood residents.

WHEREAS, the time frame for this transition does not allow time for complete public process as the next area wide voting opportunity is the Anchorage Municipal election in April 2016, four months after the Girdwood AST Post is scheduled to close.

WHEREAS, the voters of Girdwood will be hesitant to raise the area tax cap of 6.0 mils to accommodate and approve a rise of 2.97 mils, creating a gap in public safety protection.

WHEREAS, the voters of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) have never approved a Girdwood specific measure in the time since unification (1975), even when these measures are paid for only within the Girdwood Service Area and approved overwhelmingly by Girdwood voters. It would be highly unusual for them to change course and sanction Girdwood's entry into the APD Service Area, eliminating Girdwood's only reasonable alternative.

WHEREAS, Girdwood's lifeblood and largest property taxpayer, Alyeska Resort, has stated at a public meeting that a few more bad snow years, combined with a doubling of property tax might cause them to rethink their business model. Though unlikely, this change in their economic risk profile would have a negative effect on the local economy and property valuations.

WHEREAS, the APD model necessarily includes coverage on the Seward Highway, ameliorating the State's responsibility at the expense of local property tax payers, creating an unreasonable burden on the Girdwood community.

WHEREAS, the isolation of the Girdwood community from the population center of the MOA provides unique law enforcement challenges, it will be very difficult or impossible to scale down the APD model to achieve small town efficiencies due to staffing and liability issues that come with municipal policing.

WHEREAS, APD and the MOA have made no attempt to include Bird Creek, Indian, Rainbow, Crow Creek, and Portage in the mil rate increase, thereby forcing the Girdwood Service Area to assume police patrol costs for the entire Turnagain Arm Community.

WHEREAS, AST reports indicate that most criminal incidents occur on the state highway, the percentage of incidents involving residents or incidents within the town is very low.

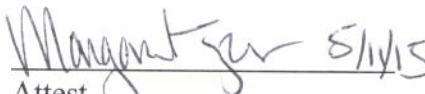
WHEREAS, information must be gathered to determine the best options available to preserve a continuum of public safety in Girdwood. In light of this the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has appointed a public safety taskforce to gather information for stakeholders, investigate alternatives and provide guidance to the Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, while the taskforce sees the necessity of a continuum of public safety services, it is not confident that its vision is currently supported by a majority of voters.

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to ask the State Department of Public Safety, through its Commissioner and the Department of Administration to find options for the Girdwood Service Area to provide law enforcement services that may include contracting directly with the Alaska State Troopers; or contributing by some other means to retain State Trooper services in our area.

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to ask the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety for a time extension in their budget to provide law enforcement services of at least an entire election cycle, plus a reasonable time for implementation, so Girdwood can safely transition with full public process, buy-in and an opportunity for a vote of the people.

 5/11/15
Erin Eker, Co-Chair, GBOS Date

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Resolution 2015-03 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO REQUEST CHANGE IN MUNICIPAL CHARTER AS IT RELATES TO GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) has successfully served the community of Girdwood as the spokesman to the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC), votes on a basis of one person, one vote and receives, considers, and relates input from all residents of Girdwood, including those outside of the Girdwood Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the LUC acts as an advisory body to the GBOS, which is responsible for carrying forward the opinion of the LUC the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the GBOS and the LUC are committed to reviewing their operating principles to clarify the method to handle resolving conflicting opinions of the two entities; and

WHEREAS, at two joint GBOS/LUC public meetings, and at separate regularly scheduled public GBOS and LUC meetings, the overwhelming opinion of the community is to avoid creation of a separate Community Council and to maintain the current system of consideration and communication; and

WHEREAS, change in the Municipal Charter will require a majority favorable vote by the voters of Girdwood to affirm this decision;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests that the Municipal Ombudsman, Assembly Council and the Municipal Attorney craft a voter proposition for the change of the Municipal Charter to allow the GBOS to continue act as the Girdwood Community Council, with the Girdwood Land Use Committee continuing in their role as a sub-committee advising on majority opinion of the public.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 15th day of June, 2015.

T. O'Malley 6-18-15
Tommy O'Malley, GBOS DATE

Hy. J. Kelly 6-18-15
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Resolution 2015-04 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution in support for a Text Amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code 21.09, Girdwood Land Use Regulations, to add a 'Manufacturing, general' line item to Table 21.09.050-1 and to place a 'C' (for Conditional Use Permit required) in the gC-10 column for this purpose.

WHEREAS, Girdwood Brewing Company owners Brett Marengo, Rory Marengo and Josh Hegna have presented to the Girdwood Land Use Committee and to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, their plan for a craft brewery in Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, craft brewing would be a new small business in Girdwood that will benefit the local community and its visitor based economy and should be promoted; and

WHEREAS, breweries are considered 'General Manufacturing' in the Anchorage Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, there is no "General Manufacturing" line item in Table 21.09.050-1 of the Girdwood Land Use Regulations. Therefore, as it stands now, breweries are not allowed in Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, other manufacturing categories, 'light' and 'heavy', are only permitted in the gI-1 designated Industrial District in Girdwood. The Ruane Road area is the sole gI-1 zoned area in Girdwood. Currently this is all MOA Heritage Land Bank and not available for development, and, even if it were available, it would not be suitable for a brewery; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Commercial Zoning District gC-10 would be an appropriate district in which to locate a craft brewery. The neighbors have been contacted and are supportive of this effort; and

WHEREAS, per Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21.03.210 – Text Amendments: The petitioners as that GBOS support their request that the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission recommend the approval of an ordinance, as drafted by the Planning Department, for a text change in Chapter 21.09: Girdwood Land Use Regulations to amend Table 21.09.050-1: Table of Allowed Uses to include ‘Manufacturing, General’ under the Industrial Category and to allow Conditional Use of land zoned gC-10 for this purpose; specifically Beverage Manufacture and Brewery; and

WHEREAS, if the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the text amendment ordinance, it would then be scheduled for a public hearing with the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly where it must be adopted to take effect; and

WHEREAS, after the Assembly has adopted the ordinance, changing the code to allow breweries in the gC-10, the petitioners still have to go through the Conditional Use Permit process to get the specifics of their proposed development approved; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Planning Department will most likely require any General Manufacturing Conditional Use Permit applicant in gC-10 to adhere to the Commercial Building Design Standards per section 21.09.080 F; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has reviewed the request at public meetings in July and August, 2015 and has voted to recommend a GBOS Resolution of Support for this text amendment to Chapter 21.09: Girdwood Land Use Regulations by a vote of 14-1.

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to support a Text Amendment to the Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21.09, Girdwood Land Use Regulations, to add a ‘Manufacturing, general’ line item to Table 21.09.050-1 and to place a ‘C’ (for Conditional Use Permit required) in the gC-10 column for this purpose.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 18th day of August, 2015.

 8/19/15
Erin Eker, Chair, GBOS Date

 8/19/15
Attest

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Resolution 2015-05 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution in support of dedication of a 20-foot public use easement along the east side of the existing 60-foot wide Egloff Drive, from Alyeska Highway to Karolius Drive, for a total right-of-way width of 80 feet, and for dedication of two 20-foot wide drainage easements, within Girdwood South Townsite Subdivision, Tract D-5 and Glacier View Estates Subdivision Tract 1, more or less as shown at the 35% design, dated October 19, 2015.

WHEREAS, DOWL and the Boutet Company have been tasked with the engineering and design of the Egloff Drive road improvements; and

WHEREAS, DOWL, the Boutet Company, city and state planners have attended Girdwood Land Use Committee meetings and Girdwood Board of Supervisors meetings, receiving input and adjusting plans according to the stated wishes of the local population and our town government; and,

WHEREAS, DOWL and the Boutet Company hosted a public walk-thru of the Egloff Drive improvement site on August 24, 2015, further gathering recommendations from the community; and,

WHEREAS, improvement of Egloff Drive represents a significant investment in the infrastructure of the Girdwood South Townsite, including improved access to the Fire Department, Library, Community Center, Little Bears, parks and playground; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee voted unanimously at their regular meeting on October 12, 2015, to not object to the requested easements described above;

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to support the dedication of a 20-foot public use easement along the east side of the existing 60-foot wide Egloff Drive, from Alyeska Highway to Karolius Drive, for a total right-of-way width of 80 feet, as well as supporting dedication of two 20-foot wide drainage easements, within Girdwood South Townsite Subdivision, Tract D-5 and Glacier View Estates Subdivision Tract 1, more or less as shown at the 35% design, dated October 19, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 19th day of October, 2015.

Sam Daniel, Co-Chair, GBOS

10/20/15

Date

Attest

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Resolution 2015-06 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution in support of dedication of the Girdwood Lions Park.

WHEREAS, in 1995 the current location of the Lions Park was established to replace the Girdwood Park Facility located on Ruane Road, allowing construction of the Alaska Water and Wastewater Utility Treatment Plant facility in the Girdwood Industrial Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Lions Club has operated and maintained the Girdwood Lions Park for these past twenty years; and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Lions Park is open to the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Lions Park is used on a daily basis by residents and visitors to Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Lions Park is accessible and used by seniors and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Lions Park is a major asset to the Girdwood community and the Municipality of Anchorage;

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to support the formal dedication of the Girdwood Lions Park to be preserved as a park for all to enjoy, with the park managed by Girdwood Parks and Recreation in partnership with the Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 16th day of November, 2015.


Erin Eker, Co-Chair, GBOS Date


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Resolution 2015-07
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of support for Challenge Alaska to include in their Alaska Mental Health Trust Transit Grant application.

WHEREAS, Challenge Alaska is a non-profit corporation in good standing within the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Challenge Alaska assists in adaptive programs for those individuals with special needs throughout Southcentral Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Challenge Alaska has a facility in Girdwood where those with special needs are assisted in pursuing their goals; and,

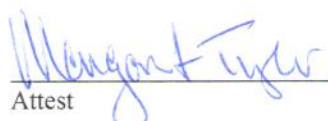
WHEREAS, Challenge Alaska has received non-profit recreation grants from the Girdwood Board of Supervisors for many years in the past, and has been a great asset and partner to the community; and

WHEREAS, Challenge Alaska is now seeking an Alaska Mental Health Trust Transit Grant in order to purchase a new vehicle which will be used to provide transportation to those with special needs to un-served areas and at un-served times, both of which are primary to operations in Girdwood;

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to provide this Resolution of Support for Challenge Alaska, to be included in their grant application.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 16th day of November, 2015.

 11/18/15
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**Resolution 2015-08
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF REQUEST FOR GIRDWOOD FIRE AND RESCUE, INC.,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TO RESOLVE
THEIR DIFFERENCES AND SEEK A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, APPOINT AN INTERIM CHIEF AND
ESTABLISH THE HIRING PROCESS FOR A NEW GIRDWOOD FIRE CHIEF.**

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Fire Department Board of Directors declared the October 2015 Girdwood Fire Board of Directors election invalid because of tampered ballots; and

WHEREAS, the current Chief of Girdwood Fire Department has submitted his resignation effective December 1, 2015, and no interim appointment has been made; and

WHEREAS, the process for hiring a new Chief of Girdwood Fire Department has not been established and made public.

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to ask the Girdwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. to set a new election, appoint an interim chief and establish and begin the process to hire a new Chief for the Girdwood Fire Department.

FUTHERMORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to request Girdwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc., through its Board of Directors and the Girdwood Fire Class A members Executive Committee to resolve these issues. If unable to do so, then it be known that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors will request Anchorage Fire Department to assume management of the station as the contract administrator until such issues can resolved.

T. O'Malley

Tommy O'Malley, Girdwood Board of Supervisors

12-8-15
Date

Sam Daniel

Sam Daniel, Girdwood of Supervisors Co-Chair

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Resolution 2015-09 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY IN GIRDWOOD AFTER THE ALASKA STATE TROOPER GIRDWOOD POST CLOSURE. BALLOT INITIATIVE NEEDS TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF GIRDWOOD SERVICE AREA VOTERS TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO DESIGNATE THE WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A CONTRACTED POLICING AUTHORITY, WITH CREATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD TO ASSIST IN SETTING POLICING GOALS FOR THE GIRDWOOD SERVICE AREA.

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers have announced that the Girdwood Trooper Post will close on June 30, 2016 and that Troopers serving the Seward Highway will no longer be available for law enforcement concerns in the Girdwood Service Area; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the upcoming trooper withdrawal, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors created a volunteer Public Safety Task Force, which has met monthly and has researched, investigated and reported back to the community, the public safety options available to the Girdwood Service Area; and,

WHEREAS, although part of the Municipality of Anchorage, and therefore within the Anchorage Police Department's (APD) purview, the Public Safety Task Force found that Girdwood's policing needs do not match the APD urban policing model, which is the only model of police service that Anchorage Police Department can legally offer, the cost and scope of which is unacceptable to residents in Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association has agreed to not object to the Girdwood Service Area contracting with a law enforcement entity other than the Anchorage Police Department to provide law enforcement that is more suitable to our community; and,

WHEREAS, without a public safety enforcement agency, Girdwood Service Area would have no investigation of crimes, enforcement of state laws, except in the most egregious of crimes; and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department and paramedics are not able to respond to those in need of their services, until the scene is declared safe by an authorized public safety entity; and,

WHEREAS, at a public Town Hall Meeting, held on November 21, 2015 in the Girdwood School, the community expressed clearly in a straw poll, their support for contracting with the Whittier Police Department, compared with all other reasonable options available within the timeline established by the trooper withdrawal date; and

WHEREAS, in the near future, a board will be created to administer this contract and to establish law enforcement priorities for the Whittier Police Department for their service in Girdwood;

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to request that our representatives on the Anchorage Assembly draft an ordinance for Girdwood Service Area voters to consider on the April 2016 General Election Ballot allowing for the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to tax for public safety, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a ballot initiative be drafted identifying the Whittier Police Department as the contracted public safety entity to serve the Girdwood Service Area, with the formation of a board to provide a degree of local control over the Whittier Police Department's enforcement priorities. Passed and resolved this 14th day of December, 2015 at the Regular Meeting of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

T. O'Malley
Tommy O'Malley, Girdwood Board of Supervisors

12-16-15
Date

Ms. J. Kelly
Attest

12-16-15