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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Resolution 2018-01 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for a Dimensional Variance from AMC 21.09.060, Table 21.09.05 to allow existing deck, exterior stairs and corner of single family dwelling to encroach into the required 10' Secondary Front Setback at 114 Fernie Loop.

Whereas, Michael and Thelma Armstrong are the property owners who have requested Rebecca Reichlin of Glacier City Realty to present this property issue to the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC) and to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS); and

Whereas, this property was purchased in 1987, prior to changes in zoning within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), and with many unique elements of the existing construction, size and placement of the lot compared to boundaries of easements and right of way pre-existing; and

Whereas, the owners made improvements to the property in 1996, based on a professional survey of the property from 1985 that did not note the setbacks, and therefore did not comply with those restrictions; and

Whereas, adjustments have been made to the property to come in to compliance with the Right of Way; and

Whereas, the property has received an easement from Chugach Electric for issues within the 20' wide electrical easement; and

Whereas, the house addition and deck expansion in place for 21 years with the nearest neighbors across a 50' - 60' wide right of way have not inconvenienced the neighbors, caused any complaint or adversely affected the use of adjacent property; and

Whereas, 10 of the 13 immediate neighbors have provided written support for this variance request and no response was received from the other 3 immediate neighbors; and

Whereas, the property owners are denied the same rights commonly enjoyed by other property owners in the same district due to lack of setback flexibility and a strict application of the code allowing the owners to make improvements on only 32% of their property at best; and

Whereas, the existing house, deck and orientation of both do not change the character of the neighborhood or zoning district, are consistent with the existing development patterns, and meet all other dimensional and zoning requirements of a gR-2 zoning district other than the setback encroachment; and

Whereas, this variance if granted, does not add to vehicular congestion, allows for a fire separation of well over the required 20', allows for a reasonable relationship between properties and a consistent residential streetscape; and

Whereas, the LUC, at their regular meeting on January 8, 2018, by a vote of 28 in favor and 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions recommended that the GBOS write a Resolution of Support on behalf of this Dimensional Variance request.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support the request for a Dimensional Variance to allow the existing deck, exterior stairs and corner of a single family dwelling to encroach into the required 10' Secondary Front Setback at 114 Fernie Loop by a vote of vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed at the regular meeting held on January 15, 2018.

 1/16/18

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor Date


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Resolution 2018-02 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPOSED STREAM SETBACK RULES TO REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHY AND PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT IN GIRDWOOD VALLEY

Whereas, current Municipal of Anchorage (MOA) code contains language instructing the MOA to revisit the issue of stream setbacks to both provide wider stream protection setbacks and to provide relief for property that would be impacted or rendered nonconforming by such wider setbacks; and

Whereas, Anchorage Watershed Management have proposed modifications to Title 21, Chapter 7 to improve protection of waterways, presenting before Planning & Zoning Commission as item 2017-0133; and

Whereas, Girdwood is a small and densely developed community within the Municipality of Anchorage located in a glacial carved valley with very limited developable land; and

Whereas, a large number of mountain streams flow through Girdwood resulting in a high stream density relative to the rest of the Municipality of Anchorage; and

Whereas, historical development in Girdwood has created small lots with many poorly constructed structures, where the primary land value is in redevelopment; and

Whereas, there is a history of flooding on Alyeska Creek which resulted in extensive channelization work through the resort base area and downstream residential developments; and

Whereas, Alyeska Resort went through an extensive public process to adopt a master plan and is in the final stages of preparing for redevelopment of the base area; and


Whereas, the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC) fully supports the goals of the proposed modification to stream setbacks;

Whereas, this item has been presented and discussed at the LUC regular meeting on January 8, 2018 and in collaborative meetings among the stakeholders in Girdwood and the Anchorage Watershed Management group, with a resulting vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the LUC recommendation and based on the principle of respecting past patterns of development within Girdwood Valley, resolves to request the following changes and clarifications to the stream setback proposal:

- Support Anchorage Watershed Management's comment to maintain setback requirements at 25' for Alyeska Creek and to allow legally non-conforming structures to be rebuilt with similar footprint within the stream setback areas, and
- Request clarification that the Municipality of Anchorage will honor all existing approved master plans and conditional use permits where the site plan relies on setbacks applicable at the time of master plan or permit approval, and
- Recommend that the new code maintains setback requirements at 25' for current platted lots along Virgin Creek and Crow Creek, and
- Classify California Creek as a medium-sized stream with 50' setback upstream of Alyeska Highway bridge and large stream with 100' setback downstream of the bridge

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 15th day of January, 2018.

 1-18-18
Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor Date


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Resolution 2018-03 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HERITAGE LAND BANK TO EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 AND 3 OF THE GIRDWOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK

Whereas, the Girdwood Industrial Park has been a priority project for the community of Girdwood and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors for more than twenty years; and

Whereas, Phase 1 of the Girdwood Industrial Park, funded through Alaska Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), a state grant, and Heritage Land Bank (HLB) funds, will conclude construction in Summer 2018, completing the AWWU facility and 5 other lots that have been leased through a competitive bid system; and

Whereas, Phase 2 and 3 of the Girdwood Industrial Park are awaiting funding in order to begin platting, design and construction, at an estimated cost of \$2-\$3 million; and

Whereas, the HLB, which owns the lots, has stated that as a self-funded organization, work will begin on Phase 2 and 3 when the HLB has funds to do so; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Industrial Park is a critical element to the basic economic development of Girdwood, its residents and businesses; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has added HLB completion of the Girdwood Industrial Park to the 2018 Capital Improvement Projects priority list for the purpose of moving Phase 2 and 3 of the Girdwood Industrial Park to the forefront of the HLB's planning and budget process; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support by a vote of 26 to 0 at their regular meeting on January 8, 2018.

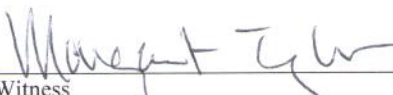
Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests that the Heritage Land Bank emphasize the importance of the Girdwood Industrial Park by putting it to the top of their list of projects in their one-year-plan and actively seek funding sources in order to expedite the design, engineering and construction, while maintaining an open line of communication regarding the status of the project with the GBOS, leaseholders at the Industrial Park, and the community of Girdwood.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4 to 0 on this 29th day of January, 2018.


Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor

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Resolution 2018-04 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AO 2018-16 FOR THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND AMC 27.040.010 TO ESTABLISH HIGHWAY LAW ENFORCEMENT AS A POWER EXERCISED ON AN AREAWIDE BASIS, AND AMENDING CODE SECTIONS 09.06.020 AND 09.06.030 TO CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENTS TRAFFIC UNIT.

Whereas, the community of Girdwood and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors have commented extensively on the departure of the Alaska State Troopers from service in Girdwood and on the Seward Highway south of McHugh Creek; and

Whereas, the Glenn and Seward highways are an economic lifeline, upon which the entire state of Alaska relies for the delivery of goods, services, recreation, and commercial enterprise; and

Whereas, routine police presence and patrol is a proven deterrent to many highway accidents, and police presence is a fundamental requirement for first responders as they work on highway accident scenes and for opening the highway after incidents; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage has recently created a plan by which all property owners within the Municipality of Anchorage will pay equally for Anchorage Police Department patrol of the Glenn and Seward Highways within the area of the Municipality;

Therefore, be it resolved that the GBOS supports Assembly Ordinance 2018-16, which will ensure safer conditions from MP 75 of the Seward Highway, and distribute the cost of patrol fairly among those who own property in the Municipality of Anchorage.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4 to 0 on this 19th day of February 2018.

Sam Daniel

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Resolution 2018-05
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION, AS GUIDED BY GIRDWOOD RESIDENTS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN AS A VIABLE RESOURCE FOR SHAPING AND INFORMING THE AREA PLAN.

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has been operating under the existing Girdwood Area Plan since its adoption in 1995 and many of the stated goals of that plan have come to fruition while others have expired; and

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has initiated the groundwork for the planning process in the past, including forming a Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee which completed a survey of the population in 2007 and meetings with the Municipal Planning Director and current co-chairs of the GAP Committee in 2015, when such planning was funded by the Planning Department. None of these efforts have been formally adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage as an official update of the Girdwood Area Plan; and

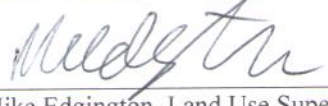
Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Girdwood Land Use Committee and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors in 2017, and has been working with the Municipality of Anchorage's Heritage Land Bank and Planning Department to create an updated Girdwood Area Plan that will be eligible for Municipal adoption; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee's outreach group will initiate a strategic community engagement campaign, starting in February 2018, which includes social media campaign and polling, focus groups, outreach at local gathering areas, community survey and a community charrette for the purpose of engaging as many in our population as possible; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support by a vote of 13 to 0 at their regular meeting on March 12, 2018.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves their support for the effort of the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to update the existing plan in accordance with Municipal requirements for adoption, as guided by Girdwood residents.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 19th day of March, 2018.

 3/21/18
Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor Date


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Resolution 2018-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE TO BE PLACED ON ALYESKA HIGHWAY PRIOR TO THE "T" INTERSECTION WITH ARLBERG AVENUE

Whereas, Alyeska Highway terminates at a "T" intersection at which drivers must turn either to the right or left in order to reach two of Girdwood's major visitor attractions: Alyeska Resort Ski Area Daylodge and the Hotel Alyeska; and

Whereas, the termination of Alyeska Highway does not terminate with a Stop sign and visitors are expected to flow through to the right or left without stopping; and

Whereas, there is no existing signage to let drivers know which way to go until they are actually in the middle the intersection; and

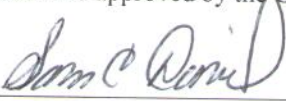
Whereas, many visitors are unfamiliar with the area and drivers stop in the center of the intersection, while they try to read the Alyeska welcome sign and assess which direction they should go, presenting a hazard to themselves and others; and

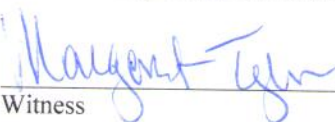
Whereas, Alyeska Resort has pursued installation of such signage and has been advised by the Alaska Department of Transportation that input from the community would be helpful in showing community desire for such signs; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Public Safety Advisory Committee at their March 5 meeting, resulting in a motion recommending support for this Resolution by a vote of 3 to 0 and was also discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which moved to recommend a Resolution of Support by a vote of 12 to 0 at their regular meeting on March 12, 2018.

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves their support for signage to be added to guide drivers well ahead of the intersection of Arlberg Avenue and Alyeska Highway, so that they can safely navigate the "T" intersection.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 19th day of March, 2018.


Sam Daniel, GBOS Public Safety Supervisor 3/22/18 Date


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Resolution 2018-07 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GIRDWOOD FIRE AND RESCUE, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Whereas, the community of Girdwood is outside of the area served by the Anchorage Fire Department, but within the Municipality of Anchorage; and,

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has need for local fire and EMS services, and has been well-served by the Girdwood Fire Department since its creation in 1959, and incorporation in 1998 as a non-profit organization, Girdwood Fire and Rescue, Inc. (GFRI), and

Whereas, in addition to the community of Girdwood, GFRI is responsible for response on the Seward Highway from Bird Creek to MP 75 of the Seward Highway, within the Municipality of Anchorage; and

Whereas, the specifics of fire and EMS services are outlined in a contract between the Municipality of Anchorage and GFRI; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) contributes, through the annual budget process, a substantial portion of the GFRI's annual budget, as well as maintaining a 406 account for capital expenses; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage also contributes through the Areawide service taxes, a portion of the GFRI budget for EMS operations within the Girdwood Service Area and the Seward Highway; and

Whereas, GFRI Board of Directors are publicly elected from the community to perform their fiduciary responsibilities required by the GFRI articles of incorporation and such include hiring and supervision of the Fire Chief, who is responsible for the overall direction of GFRI to ensure effective and efficient delivery of such services; and

Whereas, the GBOS appoints one supervisor annually to maintain close contact with the leadership and management of the GFRI, who should be made aware of any significant events within the membership and management of the department in a timely manner, and who shall attend GFRI Quarterly Board of Directors Meetings, which are scheduled to occur in March, June, September and December, annually; and

Whereas, to facilitate communication and awareness of their roles in the community, the GBOS and the GFRI Board of Directors are to hold Joint Meetings not less than twice per year, currently scheduled to occur in May and November annually; and

Whereas, if the GFRI or the GFRI Board of Directors require additional support, this should be brought forward to the GBOS to resolve; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors holds public meetings monthly, where reports from the designated Fire Department Supervisor and the GFRI Chief are expected, and the GFRI Board is invited to participate; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors expects the GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors to work collaboratively as outlined in their governing documents and post, hold, and attend meetings as outlined therein.

Therefore, the GBOS thanks the GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors for continued service to the Girdwood Valley.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves that the GBOS, GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors recognize the challenges ahead, specifically in non-contractual staffing expectations, response requirements, and budgeting constraints.

The GBOS, GFRI and GFRI Board of Directors are tasked with updating contracts, further understanding community expectations, local area requirements, municipal assistance and clarification of roles and responsibilities for all involved parties.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 19th day of March, 2018.


Robert Snitzer, GBOS Fire Supervisor

3/27/18
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Resolution 2018-08 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support to Recognize the Value of Dogs in our Community's Life, to Support the Presence of our Canine Residents, and to Proclaim the First Annual Girdwood Dog Day.

WHEREAS, it is widely acknowledged that Dogs are man's best friend, and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years Dogs have been loyal companions to mankind, and

WHEREAS, throughout the millennia Dogs have exhibited and by their example taught unconditional love to their owners, and

WHEREAS, Dogs contribute to the physical fitness of their owners by requiring daily walks, and

WHEREAS, physically fit people constitute a healthy community, and

WHEREAS, a healthy community shows unconditional love and support towards its members, and

WHEREAS, our canine Girdwood residents have contributed significantly to making Girdwood the healthy and supportive community we enjoy today,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Girdwood declares April 26, 2018 to be the first annual Girdwood Dog Day in recognition of the contributions of our canine members to the community.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4 to 0 on this 16th day of April, 2018.

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Eryn Boone, GBOS Parks and Rec Date

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Resolution 2018-09 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Clarification of Resolution of Support 2017-08 regarding conceptual plans of the Girdwood Nordic Ski Club's (GNSC) multi-use trail in the Upper Girdwood Valley

Whereas, the GNSC is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of operating and maintaining Nordic ski trails in Girdwood, and has a proven track record of building and maintaining the Nordic 5K loop including volunteer grooming on all Girdwood Nordic winter ski trails; and

Whereas, the GNSC conceptual trail plans align with the Girdwood Master Plan in supporting non-motorized recreational trail development and providing upland Nordic skiing terrain and groomed trails that are supported in the Girdwood Valley; and

Whereas, the GNSC plans to fund and build a four season, multi-use trail of a maximum 10' hardened surface width and a targeted maximum width of 14' clearing for adequate snow accumulation, minimizing visual impact on existing trails and environmental impact of trail construction; and

Whereas, the New Arlberg parking lot and Our Lady of the Snows are dual access options to the trail; and

Whereas, the GNSC has presented conceptual plans to the Girdwood Trails Committee, Girdwood 2020, and Girdwood Land Use Committee, and has adjusted those plans based on input from the committees on behalf of the community; and

Whereas, the GNSC will continue to keep the Girdwood Trails Committee (GTC) involved in the design and construction of the planned trail as follows:

- GTC will review and vote on the proposed center line at the GTC meeting on April 3, 2018;
- if the center line is approved by GTC, GNSC shall continue with production of a preliminary trail plan;

- preliminary trail plan is to be reviewed and voted on by GTC no later than their September regular meeting
- preliminary trail plan is to be reviewed and voted on by GBOS no later than the regular meeting scheduled for September 17, 2018, this vote representing the community approval or rejection of the trail; and

Whereas, the GNSC has demonstrated support for the new trail concept among the Nordic skiing community and with the general population of Girdwood through two surveys taken of the population; and

Whereas, the GNSC has received the support for the conceptual plan from the Girdwood Trails Committee at their regular meeting on June 6, 2017 with a vote of 16 in favor, 6 opposed and 3 abstentions; and

Whereas, the GNSC has received the support of the conceptual plan from the Girdwood Land Use Committee at their regular meeting on June 12, 2017 with a vote of 36 in favor, 5 opposed, and 3 abstentions;

Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed to support the Girdwood Nordic Ski Club's plan for the Forest Loop Trail construction in Girdwood's Upper Valley area.

Resolution amended with clarification to paragraph 6 at the GBOS Special Meeting RE: Clarification of GBOS Resolution 2017-08 on March 27, 2018 by a vote of 4-0 of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

Eryn Boone 3/30/18
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GBOS Parks and Rec Supervisor

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Resolution 2018-010 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for a text amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code 21.09, Girdwood Land Use Regulations, to make the “Child Care Facility” use-type a permitted use in the Girdwood Institutions and Parks (GIP) District. The use-type would be added to the list in AMC 21.09.040.F.4.d.i.

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is a non-profit childcare facility serving the families of Girdwood and the Four Valleys area of the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is to provide a safe, caring environment that promotes sound emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of children while strengthening and encouraging positive relationships among child care professionals, families and the community; and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. was formed by a group of Girdwood families in the early 1980's who collaborated to create a quality, affordable, child care cooperative at a time that no facility of that type existed in Girdwood, and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. currently remains the only non-profit provider of quality childcare in Girdwood, and provides 46 families childcare services, with 8 employees servicing 30 children, and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is physically located in Girdwood's town center, near the Lions club park, Forest Fair Park, library, and community center that are all utilized by Little Bears Playhouse Inc. to provide necessary services and engaging activities for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is adjacent Little Bears Playground, which was constructed in a community effort in 2006 in that location for the purpose of providing a safe play area for children attending Little Bears for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is located in a highly accessible location for Girdwood families, including access on Girdwood's trail system, providing families with a safe pedestrian, bike, or ski commute to and from the facility, and on the main route of Girdwood's free public transportation system, Glacier Valley Transit, and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors recognizes the urgent need for improved conditions of the current facility in Girdwood, and recognizes building improvements are crucial to provide safe and effective child care services to the families of Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., has investigated many options for updating, rebuilding, or relocating the facility, and has currently passed a resolution in support of partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage to improve and rebuild the facility in the existing lot as the preferred option, and

WHEREAS, Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., has operated successfully in the current location for over 30 years, and the operation of the child care facility is grandfathered in to that location with the existing building; and

WHEREAS, this item has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee at their regular meetings on March 12 and April 9, 2018, resulting in LUC recommendation for the GBOS to write a Resolution of Support for Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. by a vote of 8 to 0;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in support of a child care facility improvement plan, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports a Memorandum of Agreement between Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department to move forward with the plan concept; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests the support and assistance from the Municipality of Anchorage Administration, Planning Department and the Heritage Land Bank in a text amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code 21.09, Girdwood Land Use Regulations, to make the "Child Care Facility" use-type a permitted use in the Girdwood Institutions and Parks (GIP) District. The use-type would be added to the list in AMC 21.09.040.F.4.d.i

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors the 16th day of April, 2018 by a vote of 4 to 0.

Eryn Boone 4/18/18
Eryn Boone Date
GBOS Parks and Rec Supervisor

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Resolution 2018-11 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for a Conditional Use Permit for Phase II of a Multi-family Housing Project, which will Create Four Units Total at Alyeska North #3, Block 5, Lot 12, Taos Road

WHEREAS, Conditional Use Permit is sought for Phase II, the east building, which will contain two housing units, bringing the total project to 4 units, in an area zoned for multi-family construction and for a project similar in concept and density as the neighboring existing developments; and

WHEREAS, this project was discussed in May, 2017 to the Girdwood Land Use Committee and to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors and has since been working through the various municipal and development processes to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission on June 11, 2018, and

WHEREAS, neighbors attending the Land Use Committee meeting in May, 2017 raised concerns, which have been resolved as follows:

- Visual impact of third floor decks from neighboring homes
Current design has removed decks from the top floor and no decks face nearest existing homes to the west.
- Snow clearing/snow storage:
On site snow storage meets AMC 21.09.070 requirements, in addition structure is set away from the road far enough to allow piling of snow between the road and structure;
- Parking:
Total required parking on site, including required overflow parking, is 8. Design includes parking for 2 vehicles per unit, plus one additional space for a total of 9 on site, in addition, the Girdwood Valley Service Area is working toward having the authority to have their contracted law enforcement enforce parking;
- Negative impact to view shed of existing homes to east:
New construction will change the view shed, however, topography of this lot steps downhill from the existing homes, and these structures will follow that contour;

WHEREAS, this item has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee at their regular meeting on May 14, 2018, resulting in LUC recommendation for the GBOS to write a Resolution of Support for

Conditional Use Permit for Phase II, to bring the total number of units to 4 by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstaining;

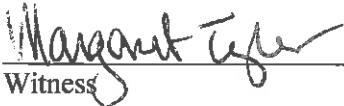
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports a Conditional Use Permit for Phase II of the multi-family housing project located at Alyeska North #3, Block 5, Lot 12, Taos Road, to bring the number of units up to 4 total.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors the 21st day of May, 2018 by a vote of 5 to 0.


Mike Edgington
GBOS Land Use Supervisor

5/23/18

Date


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**Resolution 2018-12
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution of Support for Renewal of The Herbal Cache
Marijuana Retail Store License**

WHEREAS, The Herbal Cache's Marijuana Retail Store License is due for renewal approval by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors received presentations from The Herbal Cache at their regular meetings in June, 2018, in which public comment was requested and no negative comments were received; and

WHEREAS, The Herbal Cache has operated in a professional and lawful manner since operations began, provides positive economic benefit to the community, and has been a good steward in our community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports The Herbal Cache renewal of their Marijuana Retail Store license, upon receipt of all required documents by the Municipality of Anchorage.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors the 27th day of August, 2018 by a vote of 4 to 0.

Jerry Fox
Jerry Fox
GBOS Co-Chair

8/28/18
Date

Margaret Tyler
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**Resolution 2018-13
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR CONTINUATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE
GIRDWOOD IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL (INHT)**

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has Resolved to support the Iditarod National Historic Trail through Resolutions and Letters of Non-Objection since 2002, including GBOS Resolution 2017-12 Resolution of Support for Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; 2016- 05 Continuing Support for construction and dedication of the INHT alignment in Girdwood; GBOS Resolution 2014-04 Supporting the preliminary plat of the Girdwood Industrial Park and Dedication of the Iditarod National Historic Trail therein; GBOS Resolution 2007-02 supporting a proposal by the US Forest Service to construct and maintain the Iditarod National Historic Trail across municipal land in Girdwood; and GBOS Resolution 2002-16 supporting routing of the Iditarod National Historic Trail through the Girdwood Valley and extension of the Upper Winner Creek Trail into Twentymile River Area to become part of the Iditarod National Historic Trail; and

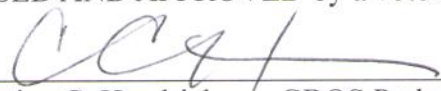
WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee applied for and received funding from the Recreation Trails Program grant, from the Anchorage Park Foundation, and from Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Heritage Area (KMTA) for trail construction on Phase 1 of this project, and has completed those tasks with excellent results; and

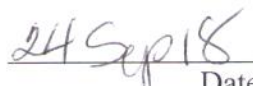
WHEREAS, the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail is a significant part of Girdwood's history, and we eagerly anticipate increased ability for all to use this connector trail through Girdwood, connecting the old and new Girdwood Town Sites; and

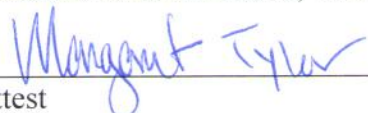
WHEREAS, the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail represents a multi-agency partnership among the US Forest Service, Chugach State Parks, the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the Alaska Department of Transportation, the Iditarod National Historic Trail Alliance, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), Heritage Land Bank (HLB), and the community of Girdwood;

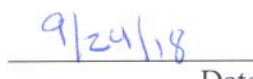
THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves continued support of the construction of Phase 2 of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 17th day of September, 2018.


Christina C. Hendrickson, GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor


Date


Attest


Date

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Resolution 2018-14 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for the

Girdwood Brewing Company


WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has resolved to support the Girdwood Brewing Company throughout the process of zoning changes, special land use permit and licensing; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Brewing Company has met and exceeded the expectations of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, in operating a new, successful business with strong focus on our community and events of interest to our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, recently there have been attempts to change brewery operations by members of the Alaska State Legislature, which would restrict the operations of breweries, including the Girdwood Brewing Company;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves its continued support the Girdwood Brewing Company's liquor license, as recommended by the Girdwood Land Use Committee by a vote of 8-0 at their October 8, 2018 regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 15th day of October, 2018.


Mike Edgington, Girdwood Land Use Supervisor

10/15/18
Date


Attest

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Resolution 2018-15 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for the

Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program

WHEREAS, Girdwood benefits greatly from the State of Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has operated for 45 years and supplements wild salmon harvests throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is an example of sustainable economic development that directly benefits subsistence fishermen, personal use fishermen, sport fishermen, charter fishermen, commercial fishermen, seafood processors, as well as state and local governments, which receive raw fish tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program employs strong scientific methodology and is built upon precautionary principles and sustainable fisheries policies to protect wild salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulates hatchery operations, production, and permitting through a transparent public process and multi-stakeholder development of annual management plans; and

WHEREAS, returns of hatchery and wild salmon stocks follow similar survival trends over time and the largest returns of both hatchery and wild salmon stocks have largely occurred since hatchery returns began in about 1980; and

WHEREAS, there are no stocks of concern where most hatchery production occurs, indicating that adequate escapements to wild stock systems are being met in these areas over time; and

WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries contributed an annual average of nearly 67 million fish to Alaska's commercial fisheries in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries accounted for 22% of the total common property commercial catch and 43% of the total ex-vessel value in the Southeast region in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a McDowell Group report identifies the economic contribution in 2017 of the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) to be 680 jobs, \$32 million in labor income, and \$70 million in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has proven to be significant and vital to Alaska's seafood and sportfish industries and the state of Alaska by creating employment and economic opportunities throughout the state and in particular in rural coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is non-profit and self-funded through cost recovery and enhancement taxes on the resource and is a model partnership between private and public entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has significantly invested in Alaska's salmon hatchery program and associated research to provide for stable salmon harvests and to bolster the economies of coastal communities while maintaining a wild stock escapement priority; and

WHEREAS, Alaska salmon fisheries, including the hatchery program, continue to be certified as sustainable by two separate programs, Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC);


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports unbiased and scientific methods to assess the interaction of Alaska's salmon hatchery programs with natural salmon stocks, such as the Alaska Hatchery-Wild Salmon Interaction Study which began in 2011 and is scheduled to conclude in 2023; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors calls on the Alaska Board of Fisheries to work with the hatchery community, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and industry leaders to further its understanding of the importance of the Alaska salmon hatchery program to all Alaskans.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 2 this 15th day of October, 2018.




Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair



Date



Attest



Date

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Resolution 2018-16 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for the Improved Seward Highway Interchange at Girdwood

Whereas: The Seward Highway is a critically important connection that links all communities south of Anchorage, and

Whereas: The Seward Highway continues to present major safety concern for fatal and nonfatal accidents, and

Whereas: The Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department is the first responder to the tragic volume of fatal accidents on the Seward Highway, and

Whereas: Projected traffic volumes for both Alaska residents and tourists on the Seward Highway continue to increase, and

Whereas: Cruise lines are projecting a more than 5 to 7 percent growth each year over the next five years, bringing additional passengers and traffic on to the Seward Highway, and

Whereas: The Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) currently has important work underway on Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project which starts at the base of Turnagain Pass and ends at the Girdwood Interchange, and

Whereas: DOT projects Phase 2 of the Milepost 75-90 Project to begin near the Girdwood Interchange in 2020, and

Whereas: DOT has previously done important Right-of-Way work at the Girdwood Interchange in preparation for much-needed redesign and rebuilding of the increasingly congested and unsafe Interchange, and

Whereas: Including design and construction of the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project would maximize efficient use of DOT planning and construction resources, contractor mobilization resources and costs, and minimize traffic disruption, and

Whereas: Additional delays in realignment of the Girdwood Interchange will further increase monetary costs of the project, as well as increase health, safety and economic costs due to fatal and nonfatal accidents that could have been avoided.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Girdwood Board of Supervisors urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to include the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 29th day of October, 2018.

Jerry Fox
Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair

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Date

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Date

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Resolution 2018-17 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

A Resolution of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors Requesting the State Of Alaska Marijuana Control Board to Adopt Regulations Allowing On-Site Consumption of Marijuana Or Approve Designated Areas For On-Site Consumption In Licensed Retail Marijuana Establishments.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marijuana Control Board (AMCB) is considering whether or not to adopt proposed regulation changes in 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with onsite marijuana consumption endorsements for retail marijuana establishments; and

WHEREAS, currently consumption of marijuana on, in or upon any public place is prohibited by Alaska Statute 17.38.040 and Anchorage Municipal Code section 8.35.300; and

WHEREAS, under state law, consumption of marijuana or a marijuana product on the premises of a licensed retail marijuana store may not be allowed, except in a designated area on the licensed premises as authorized with prior approval of the AMCB and when purchased on the licensed premises (3 AAC 306.305(a)(4) and 3 AAC 306.310(b)(2)), yet the AMCB has not authorized on-site consumption anywhere in the state to date; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 10.80.310B.2. does not allow consumption of marijuana on the premises of a licensed retail marijuana store, but the Anchorage Assembly reserved AMC subsection 10.80.305A.4 in the Code for potential future amendment to allow on-site consumption consistent with any action by the AMCO authorizing it; and

WHEREAS, on-site consumption has been an issue and concern among stakeholders, tourists, and residents for consumers to have a safe and legal space to smoke socially, promote cannabis culture and integrate recreational cannabis into their communities; and

WHEREAS, on-site consumption of alcohol is common under a beverage dispensary or restaurant or eating place liquor license, there are no comparable marijuana retail establishment licenses allowing consumption of on-site only of products purchased on the premises; and

WHEREAS, when authorization for on-site consumption at designated areas on licensed premises is provided, it would mitigate the risk and potential for illegal consumption of marijuana in public or on licensed retail premises where it is not authorized; and,

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017 the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approved a resolution, AR No. 2017-251(S) titled, "A Resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly Requesting the State Of Alaska Marijuana Control Board to Adopt

Regulations Allowing On-Site Consumption of Marijuana or Approve Designated Areas For On-Site Consumption in Licensed Retail Marijuana Establishments; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports adoption of regulations and approval of designated areas for on-site consumption on the licensed premises of retail marijuana stores located in Anchorage to legitimize such use for tourists, visitors, residents and patrons as soon as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 19th day of November, 2018.



Mike Edgington , GBOS Land Use Supervisor

11/20/18
Date



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**Resolution 2018-18
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Recommending that Anchorage Municipal Code require trash to be maintained in bear resistant canisters at all times within the Girdwood Valley Service Area.

Whereas, the current Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) code lacks clear and enforceable measures requiring waste to be secured from bears; and

Whereas, Girdwood is a small and densely developed community situated in the heart of prime brown and black bear habitat; and

Whereas, the people of Girdwood have experienced recurring conflicts with bears in our community with six bears killed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in 2018; and

Whereas, the people of Girdwood understand the responsibility to the wildlife whose home we share and seek to minimize human bear conflict; and

Whereas, a local community group, Girdwood Bear Aware, has formed with the mission “to reduce human/bear conflict through education, cooperation and active management initiatives in the community of Girdwood and surrounding area;” and

Whereas, it is estimated that 85% of residents who use curbside pickup garbage collection service in the Girdwood Valley Service Area already have bear resistant trash containers; and

Whereas, this topic has been presented and discussed at the Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meetings and Girdwood Board of Supervisor (GBOS) meetings over the past five months; and

Whereas, Girdwood Bear Aware has requested that GBOS work towards enacting an ordinance requiring Girdwood residents to secure their waste in bear resistant canisters, an ordinance limiting the hours that residents put out their trash bins for pick up, and also review the staffing and hours at the Girdwood Transfer Station to meet the needs of the community; and

Whereas, other communities around Alaska, including Juneau and Sitka, have passed successful local ordinances aimed at keeping bears out of garbage; and

Whereas, MOA is working on addressing waste management and bears in response to recurring conflicts with bears in communities throughout the MOA.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Girdwood Bear Aware recommendation and the broader MOA efforts at addressing this issue, resolves to request the following changes to MOA code:

- Recommend that new code be enacted, effective for Girdwood Valley Service Area, requiring garbage to be secure from access by bears at all times, for example in bear-resistant containers, including a fee schedule for fines issued with citations.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 19th day of November, 2018.

Eryn Boone
Eryn Boone, GBOS Utilities and Roads Supervisor

11/19/18
Date

Margaret Tyler
Attest

11/19/18
Date