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RE: Girdwood EMS Areawide Funding 2022

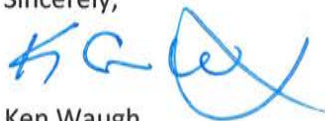
It has come to the attention of the PSAC that the Girdwood EMS Areawide Fund 101000 is budgeted at \$382,500 in the Mayor's current proposed budget. This amount underfunds the Areawide Girdwood EMS by \$125,000. Negotiation of the EMS contract has been a protracted process and it is critical that the Areawide contribution matches the contract negotiations. The total amount of EMS funding required by Girdwood EMS is \$507,500.

Girdwood EMS covers the Seward Highway, the busiest highway in Southcentral Alaska and the only road between the 75,000 Alaskans on the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage. Girdwood EMS is the first responder to scores of accidents every year on the Seward Highway, providing critical care and transport of accident victims to hospitals more than 50 miles away.

Restoring the original budget for the Girdwood EMS will allow for 24 hour a day/7 day a week/364 days a year life-saving coverage for Girdwood and the Seward Highway.

- PSAC urges that the Girdwood EMS budget, an Areawide responsibility, is increased by \$125,000 to meet the negotiated amount of \$507,500 annually.

Sincerely,



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