ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF THE BAN ON RETAIL SELLERS PROVIDING PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the effects of COVID-19 continue to be felt across the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Berkowitz suspended the ten-cent fee for alternative bags provided by retail sellers through Emergency Order EO-04 on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, retail sellers report there is a shortage in the supply of paper bags as major paper bag manufacturers are switching over to produce emergency supplies of essential paper products; and

WHEREAS, retail sellers have indicated a need to use plastic shopping bags as the result of the paper bag supply shortage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REQUESTS the Mayor to issue an emergency order temporarily suspending enforcement of all of Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 15.95, “Plastic Shopping Bags”, for at least two weeks beyond the duration of the public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk