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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution Establishing the Housing Policy of the City and Borough of Juneau.

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of housing is essential to the quality of life in any community, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly is concerned that the housing stock in Juneau is inadequate to the needs of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, housing is a particular concern for Alaska's Capital City, where legislators and legislative staff require readily available and reasonably priced accommodations during the legislative session, and

WHEREAS, the continued development of a diverse economic base for the city and borough will depend on business decisions involving the availability of housing for employees, families, and customers, and

WHEREAS, numerous private and public studies, recommendations and plans have called upon the city and borough to ensure a stable and increasing supply of housing, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has supported and funded a wide variety of plans and projects designed to improve housing for senior citizens, low and middle income families, legislative members and staff, and the general public, and

WHEREAS, the continuing housing shortage in Juneau is a problem requiring ongoing attention and solutions, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Assembly at this time establish by formal resolution its continuing commitment to housing as a priority of the city and borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly hereby establishes as one of its top priorities a desire to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing in the city and borough.


Section 2. To address this priority, the Assembly will implement a comprehensive housing strategy and hereby directs the Manager to evaluate the feasibility and cost effectiveness of the following general concepts, and to develop a schedule for his findings:

1. Encouraging the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to complete the implementation of its secondary market financing program for market-rent multi-family projects.
2. A housing coordinator.
3. Requesting the Planning Commission to examine density structures, subdivision infrastructures and to identify land for a variety of housing types including low-income, single family and multi-family housing.
4. Requesting the Housing Committee and Building Code Review Board to look at ways in which housing costs may be reduced.
5. Conducting a review of CBJ codes and policies regarding fee waivers, bonding, permitting, sales tax, and property tax.
6. A revolving CBJ loan program for affordable and low-income housing.
7. A program for providing housing developers with current and comprehensive information and guidance concerning requirements and resources for housing projects.

Section 3. On behalf of the Assembly, the Lands Committee will monitor the progress on the tasks as set out in Section 2 of this resolution.


Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of February, 1996.



Mayor

Attest:



Deputy Clerk