

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2780

A Resolution Adopting the Housing Action Plan.

WHEREAS, a housing needs assessment completed in 2010 and 2012 by the Juneau Economic Development Council found that Juneau suffers a critical housing shortage; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Comprehensive Plan recommended the development of a housing plan to strategize methods to successfully develop affordable housing through a diversity of housing types and densities; and

WHEREAS, one of the top initiatives of the 2014 Juneau Economic Development Plan was to promote housing affordability and availability in Juneau, beginning with the development of a housing action plan; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Commission, in conjunction with the Community Development Department and the Lands and Resources Division, worked with czb, LLC, a firm specializing in housing analysis and neighborhood revitalization strategies to develop a draft housing action plan; and

WHEREAS, consistent with recommendations made in the Housing Action Plan, the Assembly funded the new Chief Housing Officer position, the creation of which is a top priority of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has identified three key areas in which progress on housing issues can be made - the provision of financial incentives, facilitating land development and disposal, and considering amendments to the City and Borough's Land Use Code; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has facilitated work in the key area of land development and disposals by adopting the Land Management Plan, by funding and proceeding with the Renninger Subdivision development and then proceeding with land disposals in the subdivision; and by its continued consideration of the Pedersen Subdivision concept; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has spent significant time working on and adopting revisions to the City and Borough's Land Use Code relating to subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Housing Officer has been directed to draft a Housing Capital Improvement Plan listing potential programs considered in the Housing Action Plan, and as

the Assembly will be able to prioritize the expenditure of capital dollars on housing programs within the context of the Housing CIP; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has supported the development of neighborhood area plans for Auke Bay and Lemon Creek, and where the development of such plans are a goal of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 7, 2016, the Affordable Housing Commission voted to recommend adoption of the Housing Action Plan; and


WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 12, 2016, the Planning Commission voted to recommend adoption of the Housing Action Plan.

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


Section 1. That the document identified as the Housing Action Plan, dated November 2016, is approved and adopted.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of December, 2016.


Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk