

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NEED FOR FEDERALLY
ASSISTED HOUSING IN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, there is currently less than 3% vacancy in the total Juneau housing market, and no vacancy in the Federal and State-assisted housing units; and

WHEREAS, in addition there are over 300 low-income families currently living in substandard housing; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial need for additional federally assisted housing in the City and Borough of Juneau to provide decent housing for these low-income families; and

WHEREAS, this unmet housing need can, in part, be met by the construction of 122 units of low-income and elderly housing as originally planned to be built in the Juneau Urban Renewal area; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alaska in November 1974, after two unsuccessful attempts, by less than 60% majority, voted to move the seat of the State Capital to an unspecified location in the rural area between Anchorage and Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, a possible site selection for a new capital city must yet be voted upon by the people of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this proposed capital move was not provided in the capital move initiative vote nor has the Legislature or the people of the State of Alaska approved any funding to move the capital from Juneau nor are they likely to in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the earliest date possible to complete the move of the State Capital from Juneau, according to the Boeing Report, is 1985; and

WHEREAS, more realistic estimates based on the financial condition of the State and the practical problems associated with building an entirely new city extend the probable completion date of the move to at least 1990; and

WHEREAS, the population growth of the Juneau area can be expected to continue at its present rate of 5% during that period; and

WHEREAS, to offset the possible impact of a capital move, the people of the Juneau area are making strides in diversifying its economic base by developing the area's natural resources, both surface and subsurface, developing tourist potential, including skiing and sightseeing; and utilizing a substantial portion of the Community Development Block Grant program towards economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau recognizes it has an obligation to support low-income housing programs in the area; and

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

(1) That while there is a potential that the Capital of the State of Alaska may move from Juneau in the future, both the immediate and long-term housing needs of the Juneau area more than warrant the construction of the 122 units of federally assisted low-income and elderly housing in the Juneau Urban Renewal Plan at the earliest possible time.

(2) That the City and Borough of Juneau recognizes a moral obligation to assist such housing project should it in fact be placed in economic jeopardy as a result of the capital move.

Adopted this 17th day of April 1975.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk