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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SHORTAGE OF  
LOW AND MODERATE RENT HOUSING IN JUNEAU, THE  
AGGRAVATION OF THIS SHORTAGE BY CERTAIN ACTIONS  
OF THE ALASKA STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND URGING  
THE SAME AUTHORITY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION  
TO PROVIDE NEEDED HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the present vacancy rate in low and moderate cost rental housing in Juneau is essentially zero, and

WHEREAS, the following housing facilities have no vacancies and have waiting lists as described:

1. Cedar Park and Geneva Woods have 58 names on a waiting list and the predicted waiting period for a person on the list is up to a year.

2. The Marine View Apartments have a waiting list of 11 names and the waiting period is unpredictable.

3. The Mountain View Apartments have a waiting list of 25 names and the predicted waiting period is close to one year. Only persons who are 62 years or older or disabled are eligible for housing at this facility.

4. Gruening Park has a waiting list of 50 names and the waiting period is unpredictable, and

WHEREAS, the waiting lists at these facilities understate the extent of the present demand for housing, because some inquirers are too discouraged by the predicted waiting period to add their names to the list, and

WHEREAS, in the last 18 months, the available low and moderate rent housing in Juneau has been diminished by the following occurrences:

1. Conversion of the first floor of the Marine View Apartments from residential to office space in January 1979.

2. Removal of low-cost mobile homes from the bridge construction area,

3. Conversion of the second and third floors of the Marine View Apartments from residential space to office space in July 1979,

4. Vacation of the Assembly Apartments, and conversion of that building to office space, and

5. Conversion of several units in the Mendenhall Apartments to office space, and

WHEREAS, the reduction of available housing has been accompanied by rent increases in the remaining existing housing throughout Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature has declared that the acute shortage of low and moderate rent housing in the state constitutes an emergency requiring action by the legislature, and has responded to this emergency by creation of the Alaska State Housing Authority, and authorization of the Authority to construct, protect, operate, maintain, rent, and sell low and moderate cost housing facilities, and has authorized the Authority to seek financial assistance from any source, including the federal government in order to achieve its purposes, A.S. §§18.55.300-310, and

WHEREAS, the only low or moderate rent housing which has been constructed in Juneau in the last three years is the Mountain View Apartment facility which provides 42 units for senior citizens and disabled persons only, and

WHEREAS, the failure of the state to provide adequate office space for its employees has resulted in the conversion of many residences to offices, and

WHEREAS, the shortage of low and moderate cost housing has been aggravated by the conversion to office space of three floors of the Marine View Apartments, and by the recent vacation of the fourth floor for the same purpose, and

WHEREAS, construction of a 50-unit residential structure in the Mendenhall Valley as proposed by the Alaska State Housing Authority will be inadequate to meet the existing need for low and moderate rent housing,

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

1. That the shortage of low and moderate cost housing in Juneau constitutes an emergency.

2. The Alaska State Housing Authority is urged to take immediate action to alleviate this shortage by:

a. Reversing its proposed conversion of the fourth floor of the Marine View Apartment Building, and making that space available for residential use immediately.

b. Developing and implementing plans for the construction of low and moderate cost housing in Juneau.

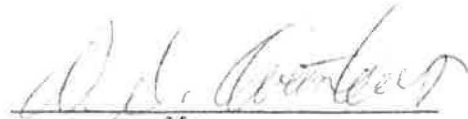
c. Seeking funding from any source, including the state legislature and the federal government, as necessary to carry out these actions.

3. The state administration and the state legislature be urged to take the necessary action to:

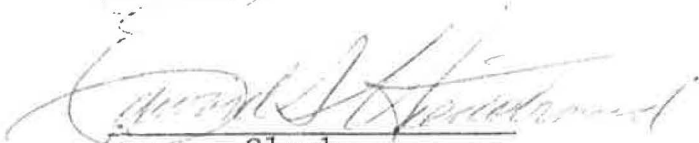
a. Remedy the critical shortage of low and moderate income housing by allocating the necessary funds for needed construction and subsidy to existing facilities.

b. Properly provide for adequate office space for state employees.

ADOPTED this 7th day of August , 1980.

  
Mayor

Attest: y

  
Deputy Clerk