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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2022-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY INVOKING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 7.20.090A.3. TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND FORMAL PROCUREMENT RULES IN ORDER TO TIMELY PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR REHOUSING EFFORTS AS PART OF THE EXIT FROM MASS CARE.

WHEREAS, a legislative drafting committee of the Anchorage Assembly and Mayor Bronson engaged in a facilitated process, leading to a mass care exit strategy unanimously adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in AR 2021-350; and

 WHEREAS, the following types of investments were adopted as part of the mass care exit strategy: a single adult facility utilizing a navigation center design, a special population facility utilizing a navigation center with shelter, a facility for homeless with complex medical needs, substance misuse treatment with housing, a facility for elders and special populations; and Permanent Supportive/Workforce Housing units; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence because 1) a requirement to vacate the Sullivan Arena by June 30, 2022 creating an urgent need to make hasty progress moving mass care clients to other locations, and 2) available funds for Emergency Rental Assistance expire in September 2022; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 7.20.090A.3 allows the Assembly to "temporarily suspend procurement rules in order to expend federal or state funds expeditiously in accordance with the funding intent and the Assembly makes a finding that formal procurement is reasonably likely to frustrate or delay the intent"; and

WHEREAS, if the Municipal Purchasing Department were to follow Title 7 formal competitive procurement rules and issue an RFP for a Rehousing provider, the delays would jeopardize the ability to use ERA funds to timely stabilize vulnerable persons with rents, utilities and other items such as beds prior to the June 30 deadline for ending mass care at the Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, homeless services provider 99 Plus 1 has been operating the mass care operation at the Alex Hotel;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES

<u>Section 1</u>. The Assembly finds that formal procurement is reasonably likely to frustrate or delay the intent of federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds to meet the imminent need to expend it given the strict deadlines set by the plan to exit mass care and to meet the September deadline for use of these funds. This provides cause to temporarily suspend procurement rules under AMC subsection 7.20.090A.3. The suspension of these rules applies to amendment of contracts and sole source

requirements and related to rehousing efforts as part of the exit from mass care. Section 2. The Assembly commits to reallocation of an amount Not To Exceed \$900,000 already allocated for Emergency Rental Assistance to pay the firm 99 Plus 1 to support the efforts of rehousing individuals by the June 30 deadline. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly. PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28th day of April, 2022. ATTEST: Jennifer Veneklasen Municipal Clerk