

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-347

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING**
2 **THE ADMINISTRATION ISSUE INVITATIONS TO BID FOR MULTIPLE**
3 **SERVICES RELATED TO NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACTS STEMMING FROM THE**
4 **USE OF THE SULLIVAN ARENA AS AN EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER**
5 **SHELTER AND WARMING LOCATION IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER TO**
6 **ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE SERVICES NO LATER THAN**
7 **JANUARY 2, 2023.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, following the closure of the Centennial Park Campground at the end of
10 September, the Municipality of Anchorage opened the Sullivan Arena as an
11 Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for 150 people with a surge capacity of 200 (an
12 additional 50 people); and

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14 **WHEREAS**, at the same location, a warming tent has been set up for those who do
15 not wish to stay in congregate or non-congregate shelter, or a bed is not immediately
16 available; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, mass congregate shelter differs from stable, secure non-congregate
19 housing in the ability to successfully address various needs of the unhoused
20 population and to create the supports that drive positive health outcomes; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage has seen the successes of stable housing programs,
23 implemented in facilities like the GuestHouse, the Complex Care Facility, and Karluk
24 Manor, which provide an environment of stability and safety for their tenants, while
25 simultaneously causing minimal disruption to surrounding neighborhoods; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Fairview neighborhood and portions of the North Star neighborhood
28 report recently seeing similar issues arise as when the Sullivan Arena was used
29 during the COVID-19 pandemic as a mass care facility; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, residents and business owners in the Fairview neighborhood report a
32 recent uptick in public safety concerns, including vandalism, graffiti, trespass, theft,
33 and occasions of residents finding themselves in situations whereby they must
34 attempt life-saving measures on their homeless neighbors; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, residents of the North Star neighborhood report increased incidences
37 of theft and criminal activity, illegal camping, and trash left on trails proximal to
38 residential areas; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the contractor operating the Sullivan Arena is not empowered to go
41 beyond the Municipal property as specifically denoted in their contract, so their
42 efforts to mitigate impacts are limited to property boundaries; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality has the ability to contract with service providers to
45 operate beyond the Sullivan Arena, both in the public right-of-way and on private

1 property with the permission of the property owner; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality’s 2023 General Government Operating Budget is
4 currently under consideration and amendments may be submitted allowing for
5 additional services,

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7 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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9 **Section 1.** That the following services are requested to be provided by any
10 number of contractors within the area north/south from East 12th Avenue to East
11 Fireweed Lane and east/west from A Street to Ingra Street and the Seward
12 Highway:

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- 14 1. 24-hour security to include mobile/roving patrol.
- 15 2. No less than twenty (20) additional trash receptacles, no smaller than fifty
- 16 (50) gallons, on municipal property and rights-of-way and daily
- 17 collection/disposal of the contents of those receptacles as well as
- 18 significant trash left in rights-of-way.
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20 **Section 2.** That the aforementioned services are requested to be implemented
21 no later than January 2, 2023 until one (1) week after the closing of the Emergency
22 Cold Weather Shelter at the Sullivan Arena.

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24 **Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
25 approval by the Assembly.

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29 ATTEST:

Chair

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33 Municipal Clerk