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Submitted by: Assembly Member Rivera

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel

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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ESTABLISHING A TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF
SANCTIONED CAMPS**

WHEREAS, the Assembly approved AR 2023-127 on April 11, 2023, a resolution adopting a demobilization plan for emergency shelter provided by the Municipality during the 2022-2023 winter season, which included the idea of the Assembly creating a task force to explore the possibility of sanctioned camps; and

WHEREAS, sanctioned camps are not a new concept in the Municipality, with various community advocates and non-profits putting forward proposals over the decades; and

WHEREAS, sanctioned camps have been implemented in other jurisdictions in Alaska, including Mill Campground in Juneau, and around the country, including Dignity Village in Portland, Oregon, and the Temporary Safe Outdoor Space in Missoula, Montana; and

WHEREAS, the success of sanctioned camps, in part, relies on having buy-in from individuals staying at the camp, ensuring enforcement of rules, and picking appropriate locations; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2021, the administration made the decision to use Centennial Campground as a de-facto sanctioned camp, leading many in our community to have a negative view of this idea; and

WHEREAS, this task force will provide needed guidance to the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal Administration as we explore the idea of sanctioned camps.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. To create a special time-limited task force with the purpose of convening and presenting suggestions to the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal Administration regarding sanctioned camps within the Municipality.

Section 2. The task force shall be convened by the Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Committee or their designee, who shall determine its membership from a broad array of providers, stakeholder organizations to include community councils, and Municipal agencies, and meet publicly and provide prior public notice of its meetings. An offer shall be extended to the Administration to be a member of

1 the task force. If a designee is chosen to convene the task force, the Assembly shall
2 be notified by AIM.

3 **Section 3.** The task force’s recommendations shall include, but is not limited to: all
4 possible locations considered for sanctioned camps, proposals for neighborhood
5 mitigation and client safety, cost estimates, necessary code changes, and a
6 template operating plan.

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8 **Section 4.** The task force’s recommendations shall comply with AR 2018-167, As
9 Amended.

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11 **Section 5.** The task force shall provide bi-weekly reports of its activities to the
12 Assembly through the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and
13 Homelessness.

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15 **Section 6.** No later than July 6, 2023, the task force shall submit a report via AIM
16 for inclusion in the addendum to the Assembly’s meeting agenda, to include any
17 proposed code change and appropriation requests, for review at a Housing and
18 Homelessness Committee meeting.

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20 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
21 of _____, 2023.

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24 Chair of the Assembly

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