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of Law
For reading: April 25, 2023

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSING
A STEPDOWN APPROACH AND UPDATING ITS POLICY POSITION
REGARDING USAGE OF THE SULLIVAN ARENA AS AN EMERGENCY
SHELTER LOCATION.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly approved AR 2023-127 on April 11, a resolution adopting a demobilization plan for the emergency shelter provided by the Municipality during the 2022-2023 winter season; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of AR 2023-127 directed shutting down the Sullivan Arena as emergency shelter no later than on April 30, 2023, the expiration of the current contract for shelter services there; and

WHEREAS, since approval of AR 2023-127, outdoor conditions have not improved substantially, with continued colder weather and considerable snow coverage throughout the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances would make it difficult for individuals currently staying at the Sullivan Arena who have a condition which substantially impairs their daily activity or mobility to stay outdoors; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Assembly to both discontinue usage of the Sullivan Arena as an emergency shelter as quickly as possible and to ensure the health and safety of those currently staying at the Sullivan Arena as they transition out of that location; and

WHEREAS, a stepdown approach is in the best interest of the neighborhood surrounding the Sullivan Arena and the clients staying at the emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, to implement the stepdown approach, an amendment to AR 2023-102 is proposed to fund the extension of operations and services at the Sullivan Arena through May 31, 2023 and this resolution proposes to limit eligibility for persons who may stay until that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Sullivan Arena shall close as an emergency shelter no later than May 1, 2023, at 12:00pm for all persons.

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Section 2. The Sullivan Arena shall remain open as an emergency shelter from May 1, 2023, at 12:01pm and shall close no later than May 31, 2023, at 12:00pm serving no more than 90 individuals eligible under criteria established by this resolution.

Section 3. The specific eligible population to be served at the Sullivan Arena from May 1, 2023, at 12:01pm to May 31, 2023 at 12:00pm will be individuals who have a condition which substantially impairs their daily activity or mobility. Persons who do not qualify shall be excluded from services at the Sullivan Arena.

Section 4. Funding will be set aside specifically for the non-critical transportation service needs of the specific eligible population described in Section 3.

Section 5. Restorative and Reentry Services (RRS) shall maintain third-party oversight of the operations of the Sullivan Arena and shall provide weekly reports on activities through May 31, 2023 to the Assembly through the leadership of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Homelessness, to include but not limited to efforts to transition individuals staying at the Sullivan Arena into the community.

Section 6. Food services at the Sullivan Arena, up to and including a final sack lunch service provided on May 31, 2023, shall follow the policy outlined in AR 2022-420.

Section 7. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

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

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk