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Office  
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2024-137**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING AND**  
2 **URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO**  
3 **OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF PROPERTIES THAT OFFER**  
4 **SPACE FOR TEMPORARY ACCESSORY TENT CAMPING USE, FACILITATED**  
5 **THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS AND**  
6 **COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.**  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the dignity of all humans,  
10 their rights for basic needs including housing, and seeks the equitable treatment of  
11 community members regardless of housing status; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality anticipates hundreds of unsheltered persons this  
14 summer after the closure of the non-congregate emergency cold weather shelter  
15 beds provided at the Aviator, the Alex, and other properties; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, this recent winter season Anchorage had approximately 200  
18 unsheltered persons even with the activation of the emergency cold weather  
19 shelters pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 16.120; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality recognizes that there is a persistent number of people  
22 experiencing unsheltered homelessness living within the Municipality that requires  
23 a spectrum of responses; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality is taking steps to help alleviate the lack of shelter  
26 through state and federal advocacy and affordable housing in the Municipality  
27 through a Housing First model, partnering with municipal, State, and Federal  
28 agencies, and private organizations; and  
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly desires to ease some of the effects of houselessness,  
31 by expanding proposed safe parking permits to allow willing private property owners  
32 of businesses, non-profits to allow up to 3 tents in addition to approved parking on  
33 their property; and  
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35 **WHEREAS**, Common fabric tents typically available at retailers for camping  
36 purposes are not buildings or structures that require any permit under Title 23 of the  
37 Code ; and  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly desires to redirect unsheltered persons engaging in  
40 camping this summer to areas where such activities are better able to provide safe  
41 and sanitary living conditions; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly desires to encourage the active participation of all  
3 concerned persons, organizations, businesses, persons experiencing  
4 houselessness, and public agencies to work in partnership to address the short and  
5 long-term impacts of houselessness in the community; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Henning, Inc. and the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness  
8 (ACEH) coordinated street outreach have committed to helping match shelter  
9 residents with approved entities for temporary structure permits and sponsored  
10 campers; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, ACEH has committed to street outreach to these campers with the  
13 express permission of the private property owner; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Beans Café has committed to providing some meal service; now,  
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18 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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20 **Section 1.** That the Administration is authorized and encouraged to establish a  
21 pilot program as soon as possible for summer 2024 that coordinates with property  
22 owners to create allowed private camping locations, establishes a registry for the  
23 property owners to sign up with the Municipality in the manner established by the  
24 Anchorage Health Department, Community Development Department, or other  
25 municipal department as determined by the Administration. The registry may be  
26 used to refer unsheltered persons who are capable of independent living without on  
27 site support services to registered properties offering space for temporary living in  
28 tents.

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30 **Section 2.** Any property used for camping under this section should be subject  
31 to the following conditions:

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33 1. There shall be no compensation for allowing camping on the property  
34 under the pilot program.
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36 2. Up to three tents may be erected and used for temporary camping in  
37 zoning districts where dwelling is an allowed use, on the following types  
38 of property:
- 39 a. Real property developed and owned by a religious institution, place of  
40 worship, or public agency, including the Municipality.
- 41 b. Real property occupied and used by any organization or business  
42 primarily for nonprofit or commercial use and developed with one or  
43 more buildings..
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45 3. No support services such as independent living skills, job training,  
46 rehabilitation, direct care services, counseling, mental or physical health  
47 treatment, and the like shall be provided on the property. Residential  
48 amenities support for food, water, sanitation and waste removal may be  
49 provided.
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4. All properties considered must conform to AMC 21.05.080D.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk