

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Lord/Smith/Aderhold

RESOLUTION 20-037

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AFFIRMING MEASURES TO PROVIDE INCREASED TIME FOR
CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO REDUCE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS DURING
THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Homer declared a local emergency in response to the Covid-19 pandemic on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council ratified the declaration of local emergency and extended it for 90 days; and

WHEREAS, The Covid-19 pandemic has already resulted in tremendous economic strain and hardship on many individuals, families, and businesses in Homer; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is committed to assisting the community with response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Many of our residents are being faced with a financial reality of job losses, reduced or lost business, and an uncertain future; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and businesses should take advantage of federal and state economic relief programs as they come available and; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer collects a number of different payments for services that may add to the stress and burden of this time; and

WHEREAS, The City relies on revenues from taxes, fees, and services to provide essential services, including police, fire/EMT, public works, harbor, water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, The City maintains an emergency fund level in the general fund balance to ensure sufficient cash resources to weather economic hardships; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City and its residents to ensure the safety and long-term sustainability through this event; and

41 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that residents are encouraged to pay bills as they
42 are able, and the City Manager has existing authority to work with residents on payment plans
43 for services; and
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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the duration of the local emergency, the City of
46 Homer will provide for the following measures for payments related to water/sewer, natural
47 gas, and other assessment payments:

- 48 ○ Payments are eligible to be deferred upon request for up to three months
- 49 ○ The Finance Department will work on payment plans following the deferral
50 period for the payment of all accrued deferred payments
- 51 ○ All penalties and late-fees will be waived for requested deferrals during the
52 defined period
- 53 ○ No water/sewer shut offs will occur during the period of deferral for any
54 customers
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other fees and charges described under the City Fee
57 Schedule and/or the Harbor Tariff remain and the City Manager maintains the authority to
58 work on a case-by-case basis with individuals requesting assistance with these payments as
59 necessary.
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62 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this _____ day of
63 _____, 2020.

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65 CITY OF HOMER
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69 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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75 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
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77 Fiscal note: N/A