

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
2 Introduced: 03/11/2021
3 Adopted: 03/11/2021
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 08
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9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS
10 TO THE ALASKA FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM FOR ROAD AND PARKING LOT
11 SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATING A PLACK ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
12 THE CHENA LAKE RECREATION AREA
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14 WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration has issued a call for
15 proposals through the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program (AFLAP), which provides
16 funding “for safe and adequate transportation access to and through Federal Lands for
17 visitors, recreationists, and resource users;” and
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19 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) is a qualified
20 applicant for the AFLAP grant; and
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22 WHEREAS, The Borough maintains and operates the Chena Lake Recreation
23 Area (CLRA) on Federal Lands under a 50-year lease from the US Army Corps of
24 Engineers; and
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26 WHEREAS, The Borough was awarded AFLAP funding for the CLRA in 2016
27 and 2019 to replace restrooms and construct accessible routes and parking to beaches
28 and pavilions; and
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30 WHEREAS, The Borough Assembly adopted Resolution No. 2020-12
31 identifying and approving capital projects for inclusion in the Borough Capital
32 Improvement Program (CIP); and
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34 WHEREAS, The CIP established surface improvements at the CLRA and
35 Plack Road access as Phase Three and Phase Four of the Chena Lake Revitalization Project
36 which are programmed to be primarily funded by grants; and
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38 WHEREAS, The AFLAP grant program requires a 9.03% local match which,
39 based on preliminary estimates, would be approximately \$450,000 for paving and
40 \$45,000 for planning; and
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42 WHEREAS, The AFLAP funding is for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026
43 which closely aligns with the proposed CIP funding schedule; and

44 WHEREAS, The AFLAP surfacing proposal would provide for asphalt paving
45 of roads and parking areas throughout the CLRA which would complete most of the
46 elements of Phase Three of the Chena Lake CIP; and

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48 WHEREAS, Asphalt paving at the CLRA would reduce maintenance costs,
49 improve air quality and user safety, and include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations;
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52 WHERAS, The AFLAP planning proposal would provide for concept
53 development, public engagement, and a development plan for Plack Road Access to the
54 CLRA creating a plan for Phase Four of the Chena Lake CIP; and

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56 WHEREAS, Plack Road access would formalize a more direct route to CLRA
57 for area residents, including parking and path improvements, decreasing travel times,
58 and improving safety and quality of life in the fastest growing area of the Borough.

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60 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
61 North Star Borough hereby supports the Mayor's submission of two grant proposals to
62 the Federal Highway Administration for the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program
63 matching grant, for road surface improvements and access planning at the Chena Lake
64 Recreation Area.

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66 ADOPTED THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

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Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

82 Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, O'Neall

83 Noes: None

84 Other: Lojewski (Excused)