

**Resolution in Support of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance**

Resolution No. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

*WHEREAS*, Municipal Planning Department staff and/or members of the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) have attended our meetings and shared with our community council the process and benefits of establishing a local landmark register, and

*WHEREAS*, the HPC was given the duty to prepare and submit to the Assembly, Mayor, and Planning and Zoning Commission, to be adopted by ordinance, a procedure for designating historic and cultural resources for inclusion into the Municipal Historic Inventory, and

*WHEREAS*, the recognition of cultural and historic resources gives the public valuable information about the people who came before, their struggles, successes, and way of life; and

*WHEREAS*, local landmark registers are a foundational element of historic preservation programs throughout the world enabling communities to survey, recognize, and preserve their unique history and culture by inventorying and listing these resources in a local landmark register; and

*WHEREAS*, across our nation citizens appreciate historical, architectural, natural, and cultural character as being essential to the identity and unique character of their communities, and

*WHEREAS*, the historic environment is a cultural landscape of our community documenting the incremental historic evolution of our society from prehistoric to present times, and

*WHEREAS*, cultural and historic resources exist in each community council of the Municipality from important Dena'ina camps and fishing places, Russian fur and gold mining sites, homestead and farm areas, to ski hills, dirt flight paths, World War II bunkers, and beyond, and

*WHEREAS*, the Scenic Foothills area contains historic and cultural resources including Scenic Park Estates, Totem Theater, Scenic Park Elementary, Arnold Muldoon Park, and tributaries of Chester Creek that may qualify for recognition on the proposed local landmark register, and

*WHEREAS*, the residents of the Municipality of Anchorage expressed their support for the establishment of a local landmark register during the Municipal-wide historic preservation planning process initiated in 2017, and

*WHEREAS*, any ordinance set for Assembly approval must be shared with community councils, villages, or boards for their comment and support.

*Now therefore be it resolved by the Scenic Foothills Community Council (SFCC) voted on this date \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, in support of the Anchorage Assembly's adoption of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance. The SFCC also looks forward to implementing this ordinance to publicly recognize the unique history and culture found only here in this great State of Alaska, and the Municipality of Anchorage.*

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Chair

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Secretary

Votes Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_