

RUSSIAN JACK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2021-004 DRAFT

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RUSSIAN JACK COMMUNITY COUNCIL REQUESTING FUNDS FOR
RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK SAFETY AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 2022 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOND**

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Community Council (“RJCC”) is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Russian Jack neighborhood of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, a function of all community councils in municipal code is to “Advise the assembly of the community council's annual priority list of capital improvement projects by filing with the municipal clerk within the timeframe established by the administration, a copy of the list as submitted to the administration” (2.40.050 Functions); and

WHEREAS, the RJCC adopted its Capital Improvement Project (CIP) priority list in for 2022 including the “Russian Jack Springs Park” project; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Springs Park on RJCC’s CIP priority list for is estimated at \$2,000,000 for implementing the Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage’s 2021 Capital Improvement Budget for Parks & Recreation for 2021-2026 includes funding for Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements for \$500,000 in the 2022 Bond package with additional funding in 2023 and 2024; and

WHEREAS, the “Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements” is detailed to fund “implementation of master plan priorities including safety improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements, facility upgrades, trail rehabilitation, and new wayfinding and signage including indigenous place names for the park's trail system;” and

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Community Council has worked closely with the Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan Committee and fully support and approves their plan; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Community Council has heard from many neighbors and community members across the city that Russian Jack Springs Park is a destination to walk, bike, ski, run, sled, and many other activities with families; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Community Council has talked at length about the need to update our trails and existing infrastructure to ensure the community can be safe while enjoying our beloved park; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Springs Park is a destination that serves all Anchorage residents and is a highly used and loved park; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage removed this funding in the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget for Parks & Recreation for 2022-2027 removed bond funding for this project in 2022, instead shifting funding into 2023, 2024, and 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the RJCC, urges the Municipality of Anchorage administration and Anchorage Assembly to include at least \$500,000 in the 2022 Bond package for the Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements project.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Russian Jack Community Council on _____ day of _____ 2021.

FOR _____, AGAINST _____, ABSTAIN _____.

Russian Jack Community Council President

Date