

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2020-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE
MUNICIPAL LOCAL LANDMARK REGISTER ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Municipal Planning Department staff and/or members of the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) have attended our meetings and shared with the Airport Heights Community Council (AHCC) the process and benefits of establishing a local landmark register;

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;

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;

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;

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

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

WHEREAS, cultural and historic resources exist in each community council, village, or settlement area 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;

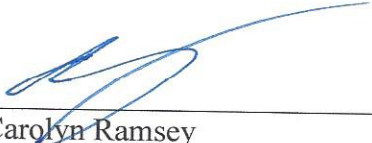
WHEREAS, the AHCC area contains historic and cultural resources including all forks of Chester Creek ("Chanshtnu"), Merrill Field, Airport Heights Elementary School, Anchor Park United Methodist Church, Grandview Baptist Church and other churches in the area, the former City View Market, the old Fire Station No. 3, the former Grandview Gardens Public Library, and Tikishla Park among others that may qualify for recognition on the proposed local landmark register;

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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council supports the Anchorage Assembly's adoption of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance. The AHCC 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.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on October 15, 2020 by a vote of FOR 12, AGAINST 1, ABSTAIN 3.



Carolyn Ramsey
President