

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA ON THE APRIL 4, 2017 BALLOTT

WHEREAS, the Municipality currently funds and provides parks and recreation services through the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (P&RSA); and

WHEREAS, there are parcels in the Anchorage Bowl that are outside the P&RSA, including some parcels in Stuckagain Heights and the southeast part of Anchorage's Hillside, including Glen Alps, Upper Potter Valley and Bear Valley; and

WHEREAS, property owners outside the P&RSA do not contribute to Anchorage's parks and recreation services and so cannot receive any services from Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, increasing public use of Chugach State Park is creating problems that the Parks and Recreation Department cannot use its resources to solve; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside District Plan (2010) recommends: "Extend the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area boundary to include the entire Hillside District, as well as the initial mile of Chugach State Park ... Extending the service area boundary to include the entire Hillside will allow the Municipality to generate and spend funds for projects and actively manage trails and other recreation used in this increasingly popular recreation destination. Extending the boundary into the State Park will allow the Municipality to be able to partner with the State on projects of mutual interest." ; and

WHEREAS, satisfying public demand for more access points to Chugach State Park can be accomplished in a more orderly way respecting existing property rights if resources of the Parks and Recreation Department can be used; and

WHEREAS, the new Title 21 has a process for providing new access to Chugach State Park that will be more beneficial for property owners and park users if the access point is within the P&RSA; and

WHEREAS, there are benefits to the areas outside the P&RSA including allowing a possible acquisition of Del's Woods in Bear Valley, maintenance of the McHugh Ridge trailhead at Honey Bear and the Rabbit Lake trailhead and possible contributions to local road maintenance; and

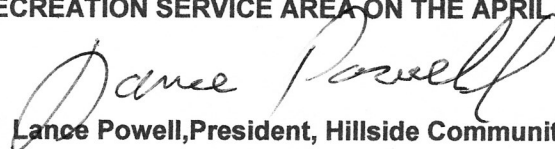
WHEREAS, extending the P&RSA boundary would allow actions towards resolution of access disputes at Stewarts Homestead Road and Brewster's Homestead Road; and

WHEREAS, property owners in the area proposed to be added will begin to contribute to the P&RSA at the rate of \$55 per \$100,000 of assessed value generating approximately \$121,150 per year for service by the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS property owners currently in the P&RSA will not see an increase in P&RSA taxes from this change; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the P&RSA boundary be through a dual majority vote;

NOW THEREFORE Hillside Community Council (HCC) SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA ON THE APRIL 4, 2017 BALLOTT



Date :1/25/2017 Lance Powell, President, Hillside Community Council