

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

Resolution No. 2021-001

*WHEREAS*, the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) 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 in AMC 4.60.030, *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*, with this resolution the community council wishes to acknowledge the importance of local landmark registers as a foundational element of historic preservation programs throughout the world, *and*

*WHEREAS*, a local landmark register enables communities to publicly recognize, and acknowledge their unique history and culture by listing these resources in a local landmark register for future generations to learn about and also understand; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Anchorage's 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 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, indigenous to gold rush trails, World War II bunkers, and beyond, *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 the community councils, villages, or boards for their comment and support.

*Now therefore be it resolved by the Huffman O'Malley Community Council* voted on this date February 18, 2021, in support of the Anchorage Assembly's adoption of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance. The Huffman O'Malley Community Council 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.

 2/26/21  
Matt Burkholder, HOCC President 2020-21

Votes Yes: 15    Votes No: 0    Abstain: 0