

Eagle River Valley Community Council
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DRAFT Eagle River Valley Community Council Resolution No. 2021-02

Resolution to re-assert area, neighborhood and district self-determination and the insistence that the Anchorage Assembly follow the requirements of current Title 21 and the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, under Anchorage Municipal Code Section 8.01, the Assembly by ordinance is to provide for establishment of community councils to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination; and,

WHEREAS, Title 21.01.080 includes a list of eighteen neighborhood plans and over thirty other planning guides; and the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to set forth the goals, objectives, strategies, and policies governing land use development of the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, Title 21.01.080.D.3 & 4 state rezoning, conditional uses, and subdivisions shall conform to the land use plan map and other applicable Comprehensive Plan maps of the elements identified, and amendments to this title, rezonings, conditional uses, subdivisions, and other related discretionary action under this title shall be consistent and confirm to the Comprehensive Plan, and in all the documents it includes; and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, the Assembly approved AO 2021-25 to amend the Hillside District Plan without meeting the regulatory approval criteria explicitly laid out in Title 21.03.070.C.2 to amend Comprehensive Plans, but instead used the reasons of a housing shortage and homelessness, which are not germane under Title 21; and,

WHEREAS, by completely ignoring the laws as laid out in Title 21 governing area, neighborhood or district plans, the Assembly has shown their willingness to ignore the rights of areas, neighborhoods or districts to self-determine the character of their area, neighborhood or district, setting disturbing precedence for the future; and,

WHEREAS, we strongly object to the Assembly's apparent belief that an area, neighborhood or district plan has no bearing in the future development in the area and their apparent belief that the protections established in Code can simply be disposed of on a whim and the requirements expressly stated in Title 21.03.070.C.2 can be ignored;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that every area, neighborhood or district has the right under Charter to create an area, neighborhood or district plan, that the Assembly must respect the Code supplied by an area, neighborhood or district plan; that this Community Council respectfully demands that area, neighborhood or district plans be treated as paramount; that governing bodies including the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Anchorage Assembly follow the Code mandated by Title 21 to amend any area, neighborhood or district plan; that excuses such as housing availability are not just cause to ignore any area, neighborhood or district plan, and that area, neighborhood or district plan revisions must comply with the demands of Title 21.03.070.C.2.

This Resolution was passed on November 10, 2021, by vote of __ yea, __ nay, and __ abstain

Julie K. Jessen, President

Joy Webb, Secretary