

Spenard Community Council Resolution

2024-03

A Resolution in Support of SB77

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

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for affordable housing in Anchorage, especially for middle and lower income individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, there are blighted or deteriorated properties in Spenard which are not being used for housing and which devalue neighboring properties and become a magnet for criminal activity which impose higher costs on local government; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitating properties can be a valuable source for new housing within the existing infrastructure and improves the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, SB77 allows municipalities to implement tax incentives to spur economic development, in a manner that doesn’t affect education funding; and

WHEREAS, SB77 also allows local governments to levy a “blight tax” on properties that meet certain standards, including but not limited to endangering public health, is a public nuisance, is a center of illegal activity, and/or has been vacant for no less than a year; and

WHEREAS, the blight tax will be removed once the property is remediated; and

WHEREAS, SB77 will not affect those whose properties are their main residence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spenard Community Council supports passage of SB77 currently before the Alaska legislature

Resolved, this ____ day of _____ 2024

Spenard Community Council President

Vote: _____ in favor, and _____ opposed.