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## **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE** ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 1209-95

Mayor Rick Mystrom December 12, 1995 FROM: MEETING DATE: SUBJECT: Ratification of the Section 36 Settlement Agreement On November 2, 1995, the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) and the Alaska Center for the Environment (ACE) signed a settlement agreement intended to resolve the petition (S-9583A) currently before the Assembly concerning the platting of Section 36 on the upper Hillside. The parties now seek a ratification of the settlement agreement by the Assembly, acting as the Board of Adjustment. 10

The settlement agreement requires the Heritage Land Bank to enter into a soils testing and groundwater monitoring consultant contract by March 1, 1996. The consultant will be responsible to assemble pertinent information, identify potentially developable areas, conduct soil and percolation tests in the potentially developable areas, and then issue a report with findings which segregates the actual developable areas in Section 36 from the undevelopable areas. Based upon the results of the study, the HLB will then initiate a replat of Section 36, segregating the developable from the undevelopable areas. The HLB will also initiate a rezone of the undevelopable areas to PLI-P and will initiate a management transfer of all undevelopable land to the Department of Cultural and Recreational Services.

The settlement agreement also provides that the appeal petition will be dismissed by ACE within 48 hours of the ratification of the settlement agreement by the Assembly. ACE has agreed to abide by the results of the consultant's report concerning the location of the developable and undevelopable areas. In addition, ACE agrees not to initiate a new petition or other appeal related to the future development of Section 36 by the Heritage Land Bank and not to challenge the consultant's report if used as the basis for a replat of Section 36.

This settlement agreement will resolve a long-standing dispute over future land use in Section 36. It is consistent with the implementation recommendations included in the Section 36 Land Use Study prepared for the area. The Administration requests your favorable consideration.

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