

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THAT THE
DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE
ONLINE PUBLIC PURCHASE PLATFORM, AND DISCONTINUING THE USE OF THE
MAYOR’S SALE**

WHEREAS, Dillingham Municipal Code Chapter 4.36 governs the procedures for the disposition of City-owned property that is no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, while the City has historically conducted an in-person “Mayor’s Sale” to dispose of surplus stock and personal property, this process is not referenced or required under DMC 4.36, nor is it mandated by any current City policy; and

WHEREAS, the traditional Mayor’s Sale required significant coordination and effort by multiple City departments, diverting staff from regular duties for two or more workdays to facilitate setup, inventory, sales, and cleanup—with often minimal financial return for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City now seeks to adopt a more efficient, cost-effective, and accessible method for the disposition of surplus and City-owned personal property by utilizing Public Purchase, an online government auction and surplus management platform; and

WHEREAS, Public Purchase offers a transparent and streamlined process that allows the City to dispose of items with the involvement of only one designated staff member on an as-needed basis, thereby reducing disruption to day-to-day operations and increasing administrative efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Public Purchase is a no-cost solution for the City of Dillingham, as the platform is funded through a buyer’s premium—meaning buyers pay a small fee on top of their winning bid, allowing the City to retain the full proceeds of each sale without incurring service fees; and

WHEREAS, utilizing Public Purchase aligns with best practices for municipal asset management, increases access for potential buyers by expanding the reach of surplus sales beyond the immediate community, and ensures full compliance with applicable local and state regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council hereby discontinues the use of the informal “Mayor’s Sale” and directs that, moving forward, the disposition of City-owned surplus stock and personal property be conducted through the Public Purchase platform in accordance with Dillingham Municipal Code Chapter 4.36 and other applicable regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff shall implement the necessary administrative procedures to utilize Public Purchase effectively and ensure compliance with surplus disposition and public notice requirements.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** and **ENACTED** by the Dillingham City Council on September 4th, 2025.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk