

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

Lord/Erickson

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4 **ORDINANCE 19-47**

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6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 REPEALING HOMER CITY CODE 2.76 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
8 ADVISORY COMMISSION, REQUIRING ECONOMIC FINDINGS TO  
9 ACCOMPANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS,  
10 ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE  
11 KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD  
12 OF DIRECTORS CITY OF HOMER SEAT AND ENCOURAGING  
13 APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCES TO ADDRESS TIMELY  
14 COMMUNITY ISSUES, AND AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE  
15 2.58.020 CREATION OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO  
16 DELETE (E) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION.  
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18 WHEREAS, The strength of Homer’s economy, including the business community and  
19 quality of life, is an overarching consideration for all of the City’s Commissions and the City  
20 Council; and  
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22 WHEREAS, City representatives participate with the Homer Marine Trades Association,  
23 the Homer Chamber of Commerce, and the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District  
24 (KPEDD); and  
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26 WHEREAS, The City of Homer Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)  
27 overlaps in many ways with the Homer Comprehensive Plan, including within Chapter 7  
28 Economic Vitality; and  
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30 WHEREAS, on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the KPEDD regularly produces  
31 and annually updates a CEDs inclusive of the entire Kenai Peninsula Borough; and  
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33 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough CEDs 2019 Update includes many of the  
34 tenants of the Homer CEDs (last updated in 2011) that may not be included in the Homer  
35 Comprehensive Plan; and  
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37 WHEREAS, The majority of the tasks within the Homer CEDs are targeting actions for  
38 the City Council, and when recommendations for City Council actions are needed they would  
39 be best drafted by specific-issue Task Forces created by Council and the Mayor; and  
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41 WHEREAS, The few tasks identified for the EDC in the Homer Comprehensive Plan are  
42 providing reviews and updates; and

43 WHEREAS, CEDS reviews and updates should be completed in partnership with the  
44 KPEDD, and Comprehensive Plan updates occur on a 5-10 year cycle and are not best suited  
45 for the time and expense of a standing City Commission; and  
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47 WHEREAS, City Commissions can recommend to City Council and Council can appoint  
48 Task Forces to address timely issues of concern to the community, including those related to  
49 economic development; and  
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51 WHEREAS, Focusing limited City resources is critically important to ensure the efficient  
52 and productive response to concerns and answering questions; and  
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54 WHEREAS, Maximizing citizen involvement to answer specific questions and provide  
55 recommendations through the Task Force model will enhance public engagement and provide  
56 for targeted efforts that are most viable for City action.  
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58 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:  
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60 Section 1. HCC 2.76 is repealed.  
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62 Section 2. HCC 2.58.020 is amended as follows:  
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64 2.58.020 Creation of City boards and commissions.  
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66 The following commissions and boards have been created by City Council and are  
67 subject to this chapter unless otherwise provided in this title:  
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- 69 a. Library Advisory Board;
  - 70 b. Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission;
  - 71 c. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission;
  - 72 d. Planning Commission;
  - 73 e. ~~Economic Development Advisory Commission.~~
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75 Section 3. City Council shall consider creating Task Forces in accordance with the City  
76 Council Operating Manual (per Resolution 19-051) in proactive response to timely issues of  
77 concern to the community.  
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79 Section 4. Recommendations from the Planning Commission, Port & Harbor Advisory  
80 Commission and the Park, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission should include  
81 any relevant economic development nexus information for City Council review.  
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