

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

Smith/Lord

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4 **ORDINANCE 20-06**

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6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 AMENDING THE 2020 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING  
8 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND  
9 FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REINITIATING AND  
10 CONDUCTING A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GENERAL  
11 INVESTIGATION STUDY FOR THE HOMER LARGE VESSEL PORT  
12 EXPANSION.

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14 WHEREAS, The City Council has identified the Homer Large Vessel Port Expansion as its  
15 top priority Capital Improvement Project (CIP); and

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17 WHEREAS, In 2019 the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) completed a  
18 Planning Assistance for States(PAS) study that took a high level look at the costs and benefits  
19 of expanding the City's port facility to include a large vessel harbor providing safe moorage for  
20 vessels up to 250 feet; and

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22 WHEREAS, The results from that PAS study showed a positive economic cost to benefit  
23 ratio and the USACE, anticipating a positive Section 905(b) analysis and the development of a  
24 Project Management Plan, placed the Homer Port Expansion General Investigation Study on  
25 their 2020 work plan budget, as well as their 2021 regular budget, to secure funds for their  
26 share of that study; and

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28 WHEREAS, In 2007 the City and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT)  
29 entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to share the non-federal costs of the General  
30 Investigation of Homer's port expansion study; and

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32 WHEREAS, Staff shared the results of the PAS study with ADOT and have been working  
33 to secure a financial commitment from the State for the purpose of resuming and completing  
34 the General Investigation that we started in 2007; and

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36 WHEREAS, The cost of this study will be shared between the USACE (50%), the State  
37 DOT (25%), and the City (25%) with the USACE contributing \$1,500,000; the State \$750,000; and  
38 the City \$750,000; and

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40 WHEREAS, The General Investigation will cover planning aspects needed to build a  
41 large vessel port at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: breakwater basin design,  
42 economic factors, environmental, geo-physical, construction methods and costs. The end

43 result of the study will provide an end Benefit Cost Ratio that will justify federal funding for  
44 final construction; and

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46 WHEREAS, The purpose of this ordinance is to budget for the City’s commitment for the  
47 cost of completing a General Investigation Study for the Homer CIP-listed Large Vessel Port  
48 Expansion, and thereby take the next step in building a port expansion that will address both  
49 the navigational safety concerns that come from current overcrowding as well as support  
50 emerging regional and national economic opportunities; and

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52 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the City participate in funding the General Investigation  
53 study as the new Large Vessel Port will magnify our current Port and Harbor’s vital  
54 contribution to the City of Homer’s overall economic growth, health and welfare.

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56 NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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58 Section 1: The FY 2020 Capital budget is hereby amended by appropriating funds in the  
59 amount of \$750,000.00 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the purpose of conducting a  
60 General Investigation Study in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the  
61 Alaska Dept. of Transportation for the Homer Large Vessel Port Expansion, as follows:

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63 Account No.	64 Description:	65 Amount:
	66 U.S. ACE General 67 Investigation Study- 68 Large Vessel Port 69 Expansion	70 \$750,000.00

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72 Section 2: The Finance Department is directed to establish a project account for the  
73 Large Vessel Harbor to track all project related expenses.

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75 Section 3: This is a budget amendment ordinance and shall not be codified.

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77 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
78 2020.

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80 CITY OF HOMER  
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83 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR  
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85 ATTEST:

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88 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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90 YES:

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92 ABSTAIN:

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95 First Reading:

96 Public Hearing:

97 Second Reading:

98 Effective Date:

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100 Reviewed and approved as to form.

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103 Katie Koester, City Manager

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105 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_