

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

3 Smith/Stroozas

4 **ORDINANCE 19-48**

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6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 AMENDING THE FY 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET BY RE-APPROPRIATING  
8 \$35,000 FROM HOMER EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTER  
9 (HERC) DEMOLISHMENT STUDY APPROVED IN ORDINANCE 19-  
10 35(A)(S) TO CONTRACT WITH GROW ECONOMY TO WRITE AND  
11 APPLY FOR A UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
12 ADMINISTRATION PLANNING GRANT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF  
13 THE HOMER EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMPLEX (HERC) AND  
14 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL INNOVATION PLAZA AT THE  
15 HERC, PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE GRANT, AND  
16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE  
17 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

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19 WHEREAS, In September 2019, Grow Economy presented a US Economic Development  
20 Administration (USEDA) Planning Grant opportunity to the Homer City Council for the  
21 restoration of HERC 1; and

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23 WHEREAS, A planning grant will provide a clear path forward and identify the costs and  
24 benefits of transforming HERC 1 into an innovation resource; and

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26 WHEREAS, The planning phase will also provide the framework for the city to explore  
27 “green” improvements to the existing structure that will make it more energy efficient, cost  
28 effective and an attractive community resource; and

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30 WHEREAS, The planning grant will also determine full eligibility of the facility for  
31 historic preservation funding which could be used for roof repair, asbestos mitigation, window  
32 updating and other necessary improvements; and

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34 Whereas, Ordinance 19-38(A)(S) appropriated \$35,000 to fund a demolition study of  
35 the HERC 1 and 2; and

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37 WHEREAS, Re-appropriating the funds currently approved for a demolition study  
38 will enable the City of Homer to leverage those funds to help determine the innovation  
39 proposal viability or reverting to a demolition of the structure; and

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41 WHEREAS, A decision to move forward with the innovation plaza at this location, will  
42 leave the character of HERC 1 intact, provide a responsible use for the property, and allow it to  
43 remain a public resource that will enhance the community; and

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45 WHEREAS, A center for business innovation in Homer will achieve two objectives; (1)  
46 Recovery and resilience from economic shocks in the fishing industry, energy sector and state  
47 fiscal crisis that encourages a stronger private sector that is less dependent upon volatile  
48 industries, (2) Workforce Development for providing a business incubation facility to  
49 encourage job creation and business expansion in the community; and

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51 WHEREAS, Should the City of Homer decide to proceed with demolition, this planning  
52 grant will provide the necessary information required, through the demolition study, for the  
53 RFP process; and

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55 WHEREAS, The contract with Grow Economy will be for \$10,000 and is therefore exempt  
56 from City of Homer bidding requirements under 3.16.060(B), small procurement bellow  
57 twenty-five thousand dollars.

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59 NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains:

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61 Section 1: The FY 2019 Capital Budget is hereby amended by re-appropriating \$35,000  
62 from HERC Demolishment Study approved in Ordinance 19-35(A)(S) to contract with Grow  
63 Economy to write a Untied States Economic Development Administration Planning Grant for  
64 the demolition of the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) and the development  
65 of a regional Innovation Plaza at the HERC site and provide matching funds to the grant, as  
66 follows:

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<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
68 156-0396	69 Contract with Grow Economy to write 70 and apply for a USEDA Planning Grant	\$10,000
71 156-0396	72 Match funds for USEDA Planning Grant	\$25,000

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74 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Grow  
75 Economy to write and apply for an Untied States Economic Development Administration  
76 Planning Grant and execute the appropriate documents.

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78 Section 3. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall  
79 not be codified.

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81 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
82 2019.

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CITY OF HOMER

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

Reviewed and approved as to form.

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Katie Koester, City Manager

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Michael Gatti, City Attorney

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

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