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City Assembly
City & Borough of Juneau
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Regarding: Improvements to Leased Land

First off, thank you for the prior approval to improve CBJ's land we currently lease on Crazy Horse Drive adjacent to our current warehouse. We have now obtained the permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska and are ready to take the next steps towards removing unusable materials from the lot and filling it in with material suitable to build on. As previously approved, we are expanding our footprint of buildable land by half an acre.

The cost of bringing the land to buildable condition is more expensive than we previously anticipated. The land is roughly 3.5 feet below the current level of our facility, additionally we will need to remove approximately 1.5 feet of organic unusable material from the roughly 110ft x 200ft footprint of land. We will then need to fill it back in with material suitable for building to bring it to the necessary level. Our estimate is about 110,000 square feet of material is needed to complete this step.

It has come to my attention that in the past, CBJ's Assembly has approved the use of its Pit Run material from Lemon Creek for such uses. As we are improving land being leased to us by CBJ, and are in need of all the assistance we can get to have the proper warehousing capabilities to provide the current and future food security services that Juneau and Southeast Alaska need, we are requesting the same permissions granted to other agencies to use the Pit Run material to bring the land to a buildable state. We are currently in need of approximately 12,000 yards of Pit Run to improve our CBJ leased land to buildable standards.

The demands on us from our 30+ member agencies have seen significant increases recently for multiple reasons, and we are not currently able to continue to meet these needs, or those that we anticipate increasing, without building additional warehousing. There are great pressures being placed on middle- and working-class families across the nation. Increases of income are not, and have not, been meeting inflationary pressures. It was not long ago that a purchase of \$6,000 in food supplies would have provided us four pallets of shelf stable food items. Now we are lucky to get half that volume at that cost.

To prepare the CBJ leased land for building, our quotes are between \$240,000 and \$285,000. With the assistance of the Pit Run we should be able to reduce that cost significantly. We have not fully secured all the funding necessary for our warehouse build, but with your help, we will be one step closer to fully meeting the growing needs of the food insecure in Juneau and Southeast Alaska.

Please consider donating the Pit Run material to our cause as we do our best to meet the growing needs of our member agencies and pantry visitors. The more successful we are in fulfilling their nutritional needs, the more time and funding they have at their disposal to be spent doing what they do best. Please feel free to reach out with any questions at my cell number below.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Beedle, Acting Board President
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