

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3065

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau in Support of the U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers Auke Bay Feasibility Study**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has requested a feasibility study for a navigation project in Auke Bay within the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the project would entail the installation of a floating wave attenuator to protect a number of public and private marine facilities from wind-driven waves and vessel wakes; these facilities serve a multitude of commercial and non-commercial users and include public and private moorage facilities, Juneau's most popular recreational launch ramp facility, and only one of two marine fuel facilities between Juneau and Haines; and

WHEREAS, the facilities are subject to westerly gales during the fall and winter months and are not adequately protected from the damaging effects of these large waves; and

WHEREAS, Auke Bay is one of the busiest waterways in Alaska; the extensive marine traffic produces wakes that damage the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to undertake an Auke Bay feasibility Study under the Study Resolution on Rivers and Harbors in Alaska adopted on December 2, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plan to execute a feasibility cost sharing agreement with the City and Borough of Juneau (as the non-Federal Sponsor) being responsible for 50 percent of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Auke Bay Feasibility Study is \$4M of which the City and Borough of Juneau would be responsible for \$2M, and if approved by the Congress, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be responsible for \$2M; and

39 WHEREAS, the Docks and Harbors has sufficient funds and budget authority that
40 can be transferred to cover this project from the following sources: Statter Harbor
41 Improvements Phase 3, CIP H51-108 (~\$1.5M) and the recently approved budget that
42 includes \$500,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan for “Cost Share with ACOE for
43 Statter Breakwater Feasibility Study”; and
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45 WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Docks and Harbors Board approved
46 this project on April 25, 2024 after public notice; and
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48 WHEREAS, from execution of the feasibility cost sharing agreement, the study
49 process involves a period of three years to publish a Chiefs Report for consideration by
50 Congress for a construction authorization after which the City and Borough would be able
51 to proceed to construction within one year, if a feasible project is found; and
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53 WHEREAS, CBJC 85.02.065 recently changed to require the Docks and Harbor
54 Department consult with the City Manager, instead of requiring a resolution, before
55 committing to a capital improvement project (Ordinance 2024-10am, effective May 29,
56 2024); and
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58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
59 JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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61 **Section 1. Feasibility cost sharing agreement.** The Docks and Harbors
62 Department Port Director is authorized to execute a feasibility cost sharing agreement.

63 **Section 2. Local Match.** The Docks and Harbors Department may commit
64 50% as local match for the Auke Bay Feasibility Study as provided by duly
65 appropriated funds.
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67 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
68 adoption.
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70 Adopted this 17th day of June 2024.
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73 Beth Weldon, Mayor

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76 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk
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