

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Chair of the Assembly LHED Committee
FROM: Dan Bleidorn, Lands and Resources Manager *Daniel Bleidorn*
SUBJECT: Southeast Alaska Food Bank Lease Amendment Request
DATE: January 17, 2023

Since 2005, the Southeast Alaska Food Bank has leased a fraction of U.S. Survey 1041, which is located in the Mendenhall Valley at the end of Crazy Horse Drive. This property is roughly 32 acres in size and fractions are leased to the Food Bank, the FAA, and more recently, to Vertical Bridge for a communications tower.

The lease was amended in 2015 to increase the leased area to .50 acres from .25 acres. The new request is for an additional 1.0 acre of land and the application states that "the opportunity has arisen to fund a new warehouse building making us more sustainable for the future. We have already secured a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 toward making this endeavor a reality." The current lease is set to expire in 2030 and the lease rate is \$1.00 per year.

If this Committee supports this request for additional square footage, it maybe beneficial to draft a new lease, which would include a lease term past the current 2030 expiration. To increase the leased area, the Assembly will need to adopt a new ordinance replacing the existing ordinance 2015-24, which authorized a lease of .50 acres.

The Food Bank will be required to complete all building permit applications, secure proper permits, and insure that all requirements to expand the facility are met. The Southeast Alaska Food Bank will also be responsible for obtaining a wetlands fill permit from the Corp of Engineers, if needed.

Staff requests that the LHED Committee forward a motion of support to the Assembly for adoption of an ordinance to authorize the leased area of 1.50 acres to Southeast Alaska Food Bank under 53.09.270.

Attachments:

1. December 15, 2022 letter from Bob Piorkowski and Chris Schapp
2. Ordinance 2015-24