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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3027

**A Resolution in Support of the City and Borough of Juneau's
Application for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant and
Committing to Providing a Match of up to \$1,000,000 if the Grant is
Successful.**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for its Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant program was created to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in places people live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$2.5 billion over five years for the program with \$700 million in the first round of funding to strategically deploy electric vehicle and other fueling infrastructure in urban and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the program is divided into two categories: 1) Community and Charging and Fueling Grants (a program available to communities) and 2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (administered by the State through Alaska Energy Authority in Alaska); and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Fuel Corridor program for Alaska is currently dedicated to developing the corridor between Anchorage and Fairbanks as phase one; and

WHEREAS, subsequent phases of the Alternative Fuel Corridor Program will not be developed until rail belt transportation corridors are built out; and

WHEREAS, it is timely and strategic for Southeast and Juneau to apply for the Community Charging and Fueling grant program; and

WHEREAS, there is \$350 million set aside for Community charging and Fueling grants nationwide; and

WHEREAS, individual grants range from \$500,000 to \$15 million; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is a regional and state leader in vehicle electrification; and

44 WHEREAS, according to the Alaska Energy Authority, half of the registered electric
45 vehicles in the State of Alaska are registered in Juneau; and
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47 WHEREAS, Juneau is in a position to take advantage of electric vehicle technology with
48 its clean hydropower source of electricity and limited road miles; and
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50 WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly has a longstanding commitment
51 to encouraging electric vehicles, most recently installing 10 publicly accessible charging
52 stations on publicly available CBJ property; and
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54 WHEREAS, this grant would allow the City and Borough of Juneau to develop a
55 comprehensive plan for electrification in our community that includes:

- 56 • Providing charging for garage orphans;
- 57 • Providing accessible charging stations in underserved areas;
- 58 • Providing charging for larger vehicles as they enter the market and require
59 additional power demands that homes cannot easily provide;
- 60 • Providing a strategy for end of life and batteries that does not contribute to our
61 solid waste issues;
- 62 • Provide a strategy for electrification of commercial and government fleets; and
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64 WHEREAS, this grant will also provide for the installation of publically accessible
65 charging stations in neighborhoods across Juneau including Douglas, Downtown, the Valley,
66 and Lemon Creek; and
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68 WHEREAS, this grant is an opportunity to provide comprehensive changing to our
69 community that will greatly expand the ability of our residents to own and operate electric
70 vehicles; and
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72 WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau plans on applying for up to \$5 million dollars
73 to plan and implement a comprehensive electric vehicle charging plan; and
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75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
76 JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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78 **Section 1.** The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly supports the application to the
79 United States Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)
80 discretionary grant program for an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan and
81 implementation.
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83 **Section 2.** If successful, the City and Borough of Juneau pledges to match an
84 application with up to \$1 million in local match.
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Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk