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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2024-14

A Noncode Ordinance Authorizing a Thane Road Campground at 100 Mill Street.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”) has been operating a summer campground in partnership with community organizations in some fashion since the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, due to the changing nature of the population of campground users and the poor access/visibility of the campground, the location of the campground at the end of Gastineau Avenue has become unsafe for campers and the immediately adjacent neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, staff and community organizations began considering alternative options that will hopefully mitigate some of the concerns experienced last summer by improving access and visibility, without materially changing the nature of the program; and

WHEREAS, 100 Mill Street, immediately adjacent to the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter, became the best option for the campground because it is more visible and accessible, and it is not adjacent to a residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, according to CBJC 49.25.300.7.200 (assisted living uses) and to CBJC 49.25.300.21.200 (campground)—a campground intended for people experiencing homelessness would be a hybrid between the 21.200 and 7.200 uses—both are normally prohibited in an industrial zone, like at 100 Mill Street; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly exempts the Planning Commission from reviewing this ordinance (CBJ Charter 3.16(c)); and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary to temporarily waive the Title 49 use prohibition for the Thane Road Campground to be located at 100 Mill Street upon balancing the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the intent of a Thane Road Campground is to provide a space and services for people experiencing homelessness in the warmer months, approximately from April through November.

1 THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU,
2 ALASKA:

3 **Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

4 **Section 2. Exempting the Thane Road Campground from Title 49**
5 **requirements.** The provision of the Thane Road Campground primarily for people
6 experiencing homelessness is an essential public facility/service and is exempt from any and all
7 requirements and prohibitions of Title 49.

8 **Section 3. Location of Thane Road Campground.** The Thane Road Campground
9 can be located at 100 Mill Street. After calendar year 2024, the Assembly must approve—by
10 motion at an Assembly meeting—the location of the Thane Road Campground on an annual
11 basis.

12 **Section 4. Five-year Sunset Clause.** This ordinance automatically expires and shall
13 have no further effect on and after December 31, 2028.

14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption.

15 Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2024.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk