

Presented by: The Manager  
Introduced: August 19, 2024  
Drafted by: Finance

## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

### **Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 3072**

#### **An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating \$1,055,000 to the Manager for the August 2024 Glacier Outburst Flood Response; Funding Provided by General Funds and Wastewater Funds.**

WHEREAS, consistent with Charter 9.10(b), upon declaration by the Assembly that a public emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms, the Assembly by resolution may make an emergency appropriation upon approval by all Assemblymembers present or by seven of its membership, whichever is the lesser number; and

WHEREAS, a side basin (Suicide Basin or K'óox Kaadí Basin) of the Mendenhall Glacier above Juneau, Alaska, has released outburst floods (also known as jokulhlaups) since 2011, with record flood events in August 2023 (14.82' preliminary crest on Mendenhall River) and now August 2024 (15.99' preliminary crest on Mendenhall River); and

WHEREAS, the August 2023 glacier outburst flood caused unprecedented damage (at that time) along the Mendenhall River, resulting in 20 to 150 feet of riverbank erosion in many places, the collapse of residences into the river, and major flooding in multiple areas with some homes inundated by over six feet of water; and

WHEREAS, the total damage from the August 2023 glacier outburst flood is still being calculated and is expected to be in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, after a glacier outburst flood that started on August 5, 2024, the CBJ sustained unprecedented damage to public infrastructure and private property; and

WHEREAS, CBJ in cooperation with State, federal and non-profit agencies is actively involved in removing debris and waste that is expected to cost CBJ approximately \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant sustained damages and requires emergency repairs estimated to cost approximately \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ stormwater system sustained damages and requires valve and pipe repairs estimated to cost approximately \$355,000 to repair; and

WHEREAS, CBJ recognizes the need to engage in feasibility of mitigating for glacial outburst flooding in the Mendenhall valley which will require \$150,000 to begin; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ Assembly adopted Resolution 3071 on August 6, 2024 declaring a local emergency in response to the August 2024 glacier outburst flood and requested State and federal assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Emergency Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of \$1,055,000 dollars for the August 2024 glacier outburst flood response.

**Section 2. Source of Funds**

General Funds	\$655,000
Wastewater Funds	\$400,000

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of August 2024.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk