

Presented by: The Manager  
Introduced: October 21, 2024  
Drafted by: Finance

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

### **Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 3076**

#### **An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating up to \$2,000,000 for Flood Levee Barriers; Funding Provided by Restricted Budget Reserves.**

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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska declared a disaster emergency on August 12, 2024 in response to the August 2024 glacier outburst flood and requested State and federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ Assembly adopted Ordinance 2024-34 on October 3, 2024 authorizing the Manager to execute a cooperative agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers for advanced flood mitigation measures and the installation of approximately four miles of HESCO barriers to be placed along the Mendenhall River; and

WHEREAS, future glacial outburst flooding is imminent and this Emergency Resolution would provide for the critical purchase and installation of the HESCO barriers to mitigate future glacial outburst flooding.

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 \$2,000,000 for flood levee barriers.

**Section 2. Source of Funds**  
Restricted Budget Reserves \$2,000,000

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

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk