

September 1, 2026

Mr. Ron Johnson
City Manager
City of Kotzebue
258A 3rd Avenue
Kotzebue, AK 99752



Re: City of Kotzebue Land Temporary Use Permits

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Following up on email request on August 24th, Maniilaq Association is seeking land in Kotzebue for temporary use for construction material staging and also potentially long-term use for new facilities including, but not limited to, housing.

Storage is available at the Crowley Marine terminal however the City of Kotzebue could also benefit from providing materials storage space for several new construction projects.

One specific, short-term land location that has been discussed with Public Works and City management and preliminarily approved is the open space between the Rec Center and the Youth Softball field. This ~6,000 sqft space would provide adequate storage for Maniilaq construction materials that will be used in spring 2027. *Please advise on a monthly per sqft lease rate for this location.*

Additional locations that Maniilaq is interested in discussing with the City for leasing are:

- The “unsubdivided portion of USS 2082” at intersection of Mission and 4th Ave..
- Between the KFD Fire Hall and new AC Store.
- 289 5th Avenue.
- 1003 Turf Street
- FEC (aka Rec Center)
- FAA Towers parcel in coordination with the City.
- City lands near Vortac Lake and the Hillside area.

Please reach out with any questions and thank you for your consideration of this important regional infrastructure project.

Respectfully,

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