

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2026-020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF
PAVILIONS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY SPACES WITHIN
THE CITY OF WHITTIER**

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier recognizes the importance of providing safe, accessible, and welcoming public spaces that enhance the quality of life for residents, families, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, community members often wish to honor loved ones, commemorate significant events, or contribute to the lasting improvement of the community through memorial donations and sponsorships; and

WHEREAS, the development and enhancement of public amenities such as pavilions, parks, playgrounds, and other gathering spaces support community health, recreation, tourism, and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to establish a dedicated and transparent funding mechanism to receive and manage memorial contributions for community improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Whittier Municipal Code Title 3 – Finance and Taxation, the City Council has the authority to establish special revenue funds and to accept donations, gifts, and contributions for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Community Memorial Fund will provide a structured process to ensure donations are properly accounted for and used solely for the intended public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Council hereby establishes a special revenue fund to be known as the City of Whittier Community Memorial Fund (the “Fund”).

Section 2. The purpose of the Fund shall be to receive and administer voluntary donations, memorial contributions, sponsorships, and other gifts designated for the planning, design, construction, improvement, beautification, and maintenance of public facilities and amenities within the City of Whittier, including but not limited to:

- Pavilions
- Parks and micro-parks
- Playgrounds

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- 48 • Public gathering spaces
- 49 • Community recreation and beautification projects
- 50 • Memorial features such as benches, signage, landscaping, and public art

51 **Section 3. Administration of Fund.** The Fund shall be administered by the City Manager
52 or designee in accordance with applicable provisions of the Whittier Municipal Code Title 3, City
53 financial policies, and generally accepted accounting principles. All revenues and expenditures
54 associated with the Fund shall be separately accounted for and reported to the City Council as part
55 of the City’s regular financial reporting.

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57 **Section 4. Acceptance of Donations.** The City is authorized to accept monetary donations,
58 grants, sponsorships, and in-kind contributions to the Community Memorial Fund, subject to
59 applicable procurement, financial, and acceptance policies of the City of Whittier.

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61 **Section 5. Use of Funds.** Expenditures from the Community Memorial Fund shall be used
62 solely for the purposes identified in this resolution and shall be subject to City Council
63 appropriation in accordance with the annual budget process or other duly authorized Council
64 action.

65 **Section 6. Recognition and Memorial Opportunities.** The City may develop administrative
66 guidelines to provide for appropriate recognition of donors or memorial dedications, consistent
67 with City policies, safety standards, and community planning objectives.

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69 **Section 7.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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72 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council
73 on this 21st day of April, 2026.

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79 **Victor Shen**
80 Mayor

80 AYES:
81 NOES:
82 ABSENT:
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90 **Shelby Carlson**
91 Acting City Clerk

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