

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2026-018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,  
DETERMINING THAT LEASING A PARKING AREA TO THE ALASKA MARINE  
HIGHWAY SYSTEM IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier owns a parcel of land, approximately 7,000 square feet in size, located adjacent to the northerly boundary of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Whittier Ferry Terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMHS, a state agency, has requested a lease for the use of this parcel for off-site parking purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whittier Municipal Code, Section 3.38.540, provides an exception to the typical requirements for leasing City property, including the requirement for competitive bidding, when leasing to government entities such as AMHS; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that leasing the property to AMHS will support vital transportation infrastructure for the community, promote the efficient use of City property, and strengthen the relationship between the City and the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the lease aligns with the City's goals of supporting essential services and facilitating economic activity in the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** The City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Whittier to lease the approximately 7,000 square feet of land located adjacent to the northerly boundary of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Whittier Ferry Terminal to the Alaska Marine Highway System for off-site parking purposes.

**Section 2.** The City Council further finds that, under WMC 3.38.540, the lease may proceed without the usual competitive bidding process or other requirements of this chapter, as the lease is to a government entity.

**Section 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Alaska Marine Highway System for a one-year term, effective from April 12, 2026, to April 11, 2027, under the terms previously outlined, including an annual fee of \$14,214.61.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

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**Victor Shen**  
Mayor

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

**ATTEST:**

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**Shelby Carlson**  
Acting City Clerk

(City Seal)