

CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2026-004

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SAGE MECHANICAL TO REPLACE BOILERS AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,612, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City has experienced a catastrophic failure of the boilers located in the Public Safety Building, despite having spent more than \$10,000 in the past four years rebuilding the pumps, which have failed on four different occasions, resulting in ongoing expenses in parts, travel time, and service calls; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Resolution 2025-032 authorizing the replacement of boiler pumps and related equipment from Sage Mechanical due to their excellent reputation, willingness to service Whittier in an on-call capacity, their existing response to the City’s emergency on-call repair needs at both Public Works and the Harbor, and their proposed long-term solutions that are expected to reduce downtime and cost for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Whittier Municipal Code 3.32.210(C) *Sole Source Procurement – Emergency Procurements* authorizes the city to award a contract without competition or formal advertising, where the manager determines that a qualifying emergency exists, so long as a report on such contract is made to the council no later than the second regular meeting following the award or execution of the procurement, and in this case, the manager is seeking Council approval in advance of replacing the boilers, but time is of the essence due to the winter weather conditions and the risk of freezing should the boilers fail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Director, working with the contractor, has determined that the best course of action is to install two new IBC EX70-700 boilers to include installation of new piping on the supply and return and flue piping, adapting to the existing gas piping and electrical components, flushing, testing and programming the new system, removing and disposing the failed boilers, and addition of a 5-year manufacturer’s warranty and an additional one-year parts and labor warranty through Sage Mechanical LLC, on the new boilers.

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

**Section 1.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Sage Mechanical LLC for the purchase, installation and warranty of two new replacement IBC EX70-700 boilers, with time being of the essence.

**Section 2.** Funding in the amount of \$57,612 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund Reserves account no. 01-000-3000 to the Public Safety Capital Equipment account no. 01-700-9520.

**Section 3.** 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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**Victor Shen**

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Mayor

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**Shelby Carlson**

Acting City Clerk

(City Seal)