

CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2025-042

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION REGARDING LAND PURCHASE/SALE, EXCHANGE, OR COMBINATION THEREOF AT FAIR MARKET VALUE AND MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITTIER.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier (“City”) and the Alaska Railroad Corporation (“ARRC”) entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding* (“Agreement”) on December 13, 2024, effective November 20, 2024, to establish a cooperative framework for potential land purchase/sale, exchange, or combination thereof at fair market value within the City of Whittier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provided a twelve (12) month term, subject to mutual written extension as authorized in Section 9 of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and ARRC have continued productive discussions and negotiations concerning various land management and exchange opportunities critical to the future development and coordinated land use within Whittier; and

**WHEREAS**, ARRC and the City of Whittier have expressed a shared commitment to continue working collaboratively on additional ARRC-owned lands to develop appropriate land-use permits that support City economic development or municipal uses, including, but not limited to, coordinated permitting for City activities at the Head of the Bay;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Whittier to extend the term of the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the City Manager to execute the *First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding* memorializing this extension.

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

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby approves the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Whittier and the Alaska Railroad Corporation regarding Land Purchase/Sale, Exchange, or Combination Thereof at Fair Market Value and Management within the City of Whittier.

**Section 2.** The City Manager, is authorized to execute the First Amendment and any related documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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46           **Section 3.** Except as amended through this First Amendment, all terms and conditions of  
47 the original MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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53           **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
54 on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

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**Victor Shen**  
Mayor

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**Shelby Carlson**  
Acting City Clerk

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