

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2025-032**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SAGE MECHANICAL TO
REPLACE BOILER PUMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$22,573, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Public Works department has spent more than \$10,000 in the past four years rebuilding the current Taco pumps serving the Public Safety Building heating system, as the pumps have failed on four separate occasions, resulting in ongoing expenses in parts, travel time, and service calls; and

WHEREAS, the existing pumps are now in need of another rebuild, and while they are the lowest-cost replacement option on the market, they have proven to be inefficient, unreliable, and costly to maintain, and staff recommends replacing the Taco pumps with Grundfos pumps which offer higher efficiency (reducing gas and electrical consumption by operating on a progressive demand system, where only the needed amount of heat is provided), a longer service life that reduces downtime and emergency repairs, and lower long-term maintenance costs due to the need for fewer rebuilds and service costs; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a sole source contract with Sage Mechanical due to their excellent reputation, their willingness to service Whittier in an on-call capacity, their existing response to our emergency on-call repair needs both at Public Works and the Harbor, and their proposed long-term solutions that are expected to reduce downtime and cost for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a sole source contract with Sage Mechanical as described more fully above, and to execute each document necessary to consummate the purchase and installation of pumps, ignitors, flame sensors and other related equipment and materials for the Public Safety Building boilers

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds that the public interest is best served by authorizing a sole source contract with Sage Mechanical based on the recitals above which are incorporated herein; Sage Mechanical is familiar with the City's boiler system, has been performing emergency on-call repairs, and has proposed cost-effective long-term solutions to resolve the down-time associated with the original parts installed in the building, and

Section 3. Funding in the amount of \$22,573 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund Reserves account 01-000-3000 to the Public Works 01-700-9520 capital equipment account, reflecting the quote of \$20,573 plus a contingency of \$2,000 which must be authorized in writing in advance, by the city manager, prior to approval.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council
on this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Daniel Blair

Mayor

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Shelby Carlson

City Clerk

(City Seal)