

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2025-037**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND TO ACCEPT A 100%  
SUBSIDIZED LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
FUNDING THE WHITTIER WATER WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City’s third-party water modeling assessment demonstrated the City’s 80-year-old water distribution system has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer able to provide adequate water pressure to ensure sufficient production capacity during periods of high demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has performed multiple studies and analyzed various alternatives to meet capacity needs ultimately recognizing that existing well casings located inside existing well houses are undersized to accommodate new higher capacity well pumps, and given the poor condition of existing infrastructure and the need to increase capacity of the community’s water supply, it is necessary to replace existing wells, install new pumps, and modernize controls; and

**WHEREAS**, two exploratory wells were installed in 2020 for the aquifer pumping test, design and permitting for the project, and final sealed plans, were completed in 2021, permits were obtained including the ADEC Approval to Construct and State Fire Marshall certificate, and the City completed the EPA Categorical Exclusion checklist and the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Well Field Replacement Project will construct a new 31’x35’ well building to include permanent installation of an electric generator, new well pumps, controls for the new well pumps and existing well, associated piping and valves, and demolition and decommissioning of existing Well Houses No. 2 and 3, and other related equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the projected costs of the project have escalated significantly over time, first as a result of COVID-related impacts, then transportation and shipping costs, and more recently, inflationary cost increases, with the project having been bid twice in 2024, with bids rejected due to costs coming in significantly higher than available funding, and necessitating a pause in the project pending securing additional funding; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Alaska DEC Alaska Drinking Water Fund SFY26 Project Priority List identifies the Whittier Well Replacement project as the highest-ranking project, qualifying Whittier for a 100% loan subsidy.

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

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51           **Section 1.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a 100%  
52 subsidized loan from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount  
53 of \$3,500,000 to fund the Water Well Replacement Project, and to execute any and all documents  
54 necessary to facilitate acceptance of State of Alaska DEC Funds.

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56           **Section 2.** Funding for the project is hereby appropriated as follows: 1) \$3,500,000 from  
57 the State of Alaska DEC’s FY26 ADWF funding to State Grant Revenue Account No. 77-360-  
58 4000; 2) \$1,230,000 from Congressionally Designated Spending under USEPA Grant CG-  
59 02J49601-1 to Federal Grant Revenue Account No. 77-360-4012; and 3) \$580,000 from USDA  
60 grant/loan funding to Federal Grant/Loan Proceeds Account No. 77-360-4012, for a combined  
61 total of \$5,310,000 appropriated to capital project expense Account No. 77-800-9580. Matching  
62 funds, if required, have been designated in Account No. 20-990-9990.

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64           **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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66           **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
67 on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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**Victor Shen**  
Mayor

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74 AYES:  
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84 **Shelby Carlson**  
85 City Clerk

(City Seal)