

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

**RESOLUTION 20-122**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOMER AND KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY SIRENS.

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the City of Homer desire to provide emergency notification to the residents and visitors of the City in the case of a tsunami; and

WHEREAS, The OEM has placed a number of emergency warning sirens throughout the City of Homer as set forth in Exhibit A of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The arrangement to date appears to have been informal with no records to indicate how sites were chosen and who has what responsibility regarding the sirens; and

WHEREAS, The Memorandum of Agreement memorializes specific agreement of terms and conditions related to the placement, responsibility, control, and maintenance of the emergency sirens within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Homer and Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein.

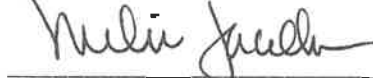
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

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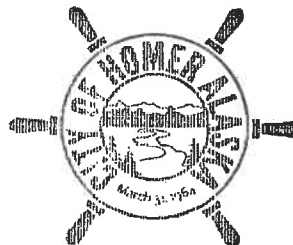


KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



Fiscal Note: N/A

## **Memorandum of Agreement**

**Between the Kenai Peninsula Borough,  
Office of Emergency Management (OEM)  
and the City of Homer**

**Regarding the Placement and Maintenance of Emergency Sirens**

The Parties to this Agreement are the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), a borough established under Alaska law, through its Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the City of Homer (City), a city established under Alaska law.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to provide emergency notification to the residents and visitors of the City in the case of a tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") has placed a number of emergency warning sirens throughout the City of Homer as set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the arrangement to date appears to have been informal with no records to indicate how sites were chosen and who has what responsibility regarding the sirens; and

WHEREAS, time takes a toll on any equipment, necessitating maintenance, replacement and sometimes a new location; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto wish to memorialize within this document, (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), their specific agreement of terms and conditions related to the placement, responsibility, control, and maintenance of the emergency sirens within the City;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED by the parties, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, as set forth below, regarding the placement, responsibility, control, and maintenance of the emergency sirens listed on Exhibit A.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- a. The Kenai Peninsula Borough shall have overall management and operational control of the siren system (the "system"), to include performing maintenance, upgrades, and other changes as technology/situations dictate.
- b. KPB will provide one activation point for the system and will provide reasonable training for staff on the operation of the system.
- c. KPB is responsible for all costs associated with the ongoing maintenance and operation of the system.
- d. KPB and the City will negotiate any changes made to the system that may affect the City.
- e. KPB and the City will jointly approve suitable location(s) within the City should replacement or additional sirens be needed. All siren installations shall be in accord with City ordinance requirements as applicable

- f. If an expansion of the number of sirens is determined by both parties to be necessary for the public health and safety within the City, KPB will fund (subject to availability of funds), maintain, and operate those new siren units.


**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF HOMER**

- a. The City, within the limitations of City ordinance requirements, will allow for the placement of new sirens on city land/right of ways/facilities for use as a warning system and any other public safety use, such as, but not limited to, radio antennas or other communications equipment. Final location selection will be approved by the City Manager.
- b. The City agrees to the placement and location of the sirens already in place as demonstrated in the attached Exhibit A.
- c. The City will be responsible for the costs of electricity for each siren site.
- d. The City will house the activation point in a secure area and is required to provide backup power source and access to the Borough 911 data network. The City will authorize City staff to utilize the activation point only after staff has undergone KPB provided training, and only for those siren units covered in Exhibit A.
- e. The City will allow authorized KPB individuals access at any reasonable time for maintenance.
- f. The City may, at its own cost, request that sirens or an activation point to be relocated. The City will be responsible for all costs of such move, including acoustic and engineering studies, environmental studies and costs of construction in order to ensure that the warning area remains the same.

Any requests by the City or Borough to add or modify the siren system that result in a cost to the other party, will be negotiated by separate instrument.

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

**CITY OF HOMER**

  
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Charlie Pierce, Mayor

  
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Robert Dumouchel, City Manager

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Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

  
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Melissa Jacobsen, City Clerk

## **Exhibit A**

Sirens covered in this agreement within the city limits of Homer:

**Siren 01** Commonly referred to as "Homer Harbormaster"

Located at 4311 Freight Dock Rd., further described as T 6S R 13W Sec 36 Seward Meridian, Homer Spit Sub No. 5 Lot 23

**Siren 02** Commonly referred to as "Homer Ice Rink"

Located at 3150 Homer Spit Rd., in the right of way of Homer Spit Rd., further described as T 6S R 13W Sec 35 Seward Meridian, Homer Hockey Addn. Lot 1-B

**Siren 03** Commonly referred to as "Mariner Park"

Located at 1920 Homer Spit Rd., on the bicycle/pedestrian path, further described as T 6S R 13W Sec 28 Seward Meridian, that portion of Govt. Lot 7 lying North of Homer Spit Rd.

**Siren 04** Commonly referred to as "Homer Bay Ave"

Located near 3298 Douglas Pl., on the right of way adjacent to Bay Ave. near Douglas Pl. in T 6S R 13W Sec 21 Seward Meridian, near Bay View Sub No. 4 Lot 145A.

**Siren 05** Commonly referred to as "Bishops Beach"

Located at 3300 Beluga Pl., adjacent to the developed parking area in T 6S R13W Sec 20 Seward Meridian, in a portion of Gov't Lot 2.