

Submitted by: Assembly Chair
Constant, Vice Chair Zaletel, and
Members Brawley, Bronga, Cross,
Johnson, Martinez, Myers, Perez-Verdia,
Rivera, Sulte and Volland
Prepared by: Assembly Legislative
Services
For reading: September 12, 2023

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-302

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 **OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 4, 2023 AS ANCHORAGE HOUSING ACTION**
3 **WEEK AND INVITING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS AND**
4 **PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY HOUSING ACTION SUMMIT ON**
5 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023.**
6

7
8 **WHEREAS**, the community of Anchorage was founded in 1915 as a tent city on the
9 unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan people and grew in less than 100 years
10 to have a population of almost 300,000; and
11

12 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage sits on a narrow section of coastal lowland that runs along
13 the lower portion of the Chugach Mountains, bordered by Knik Arm to the West and
14 North and Turnagain Arm to the South; and,
15

16 **WHEREAS**, with one-third of Alaska's population and nearly half of its jobs in a 100-
17 square-mile area, the Anchorage Bowl is the urban center of an emerging
18 metropolitan region and home to a vibrant community burdened by a housing
19 shortage; and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, the median single family home listing price in Anchorage rose 43% in
22 only three years from \$311,000 in January 2020 to \$446,000 in May 2023,
23 increasing financial barriers for residents who want to become homeowners; and
24

25 **WHEREAS**, housing choice is inextricably related to transportation choice, including
26 how and where people travel to go to work, school, and other destinations; and,
27

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, Alaska built 2.4 new housing units for every 1,000 people, on
29 average, while y the same measure, the Matanuska-Susitna Valley added 7.0 new
30 housing units and Anchorage only added 1.3 new units; and
31

32 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly previously set a broad vision for the Municipality in the
33 areas of economic and workforce development in AR 2022-136; identified
34 actionable strategies to address the community's housing shortage in AR 2022-416;
35 adopted Housing among its 2023 priorities in AR 2023-45; and adopted general
36 principles for housing policy decisions in AR 2023-260(S); and
37

38 **WHEREAS**, the policy principals adopted via AR 2023-260(S) aim to increase the

1 local housing stock and create more diverse, affordable opportunities for home
2 ownership by establishing that the Municipality will work to enact policies that 1)
3 increase the supply of housing for sale, 2) increase the supply of rental housing, 3)
4 increase the proportion of resident-occupied housing, and 4) reduce housing cost
5 burdens on residents; and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, AR 2023-260(S) charges the Anchorage Assembly with developing a
8 housing policy strategic plan and committed the Assembly to presenting the plan at
9 a public Community Housing Action Summit this fall; and

10
11 **WHEREAS**, AR 2023-260(S) affirms that, “the Municipality cannot unilaterally
12 address all barriers in the housing market,” so broad community engagement in
13 housing policy actions is vital to solving the local housing shortage; and

14
15 **WHEREAS**, in collaboration with community organizations, the Assembly will host
16 a full-day Community Housing Action Summit with satellite events to capture a
17 cross-section audience of Anchorageites to better understand the current barriers to
18 housing development in Anchorage, express housing beliefs and experiences to
19 inform local and state policy goals, get excited by the potential to shift the housing
20 landscape for the better and walk away with specific, tangible actions to engage in
21 change;

22
23 **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes October 30 – November
24 4, 2023 as

25 **“Housing Action Week”**

26
27 in Anchorage and encourages the Anchorage community to participate in local
28 events, including the Community Housing Action Summit on Friday, November 3,
29 2023, to shape policies that encourage the development of abundant, diverse
30 housing so that everyone has a real opportunity to call Anchorage home.

31
32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
33 of _____, 2023.

34
35
36 _____
37 Chair of the Assembly

38 ATTEST:

39
40
41
42 _____
43 Municipal Clerk
44