

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-433

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ADOPTING A HOUSING**
2 **ACTION PLAN**
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5 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage has been experiencing a housing shortage and affordability
6 crisis for several years, documented as a policy issue for over a decade in reports
7 such as the *Anchorage Housing Market Analysis* (2012), work of AEDC's Live Work
8 Play Housing Committee, *2040 Land Use Plan* (2017), and other publications; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the housing shortage has been further exacerbated by supply chain
11 issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic, inflationary cost increases for building
12 materials, rising interest rates for loans, a workforce shortage, and major increases
13 in home sale and rental prices, which also increases the urgency for meaningful
14 actions to address this problem; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, affordable, accessible and stable housing is critical to our community's
17 future economic growth and quality of life, and our current housing shortage is at
18 the root of many other issues, including homelessness, outmigration and the
19 workforce shortage; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly has set housing action as one of its top priorities for the
22 past two years and through that work set a broad vision for the Municipality in the
23 areas of economic and workforce development in AR 2022-136; identified
24 actionable strategies to address the community's housing shortage in AR 2022-416;
25 adopted Housing among its 2023 priorities in AR 2023-45; and adopted general
26 principles for future housing policy decisions in AR 2023-260(S); and
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28 **WHEREAS**, with the urgency and amount of work to do in the arena of local housing
29 policy, the Assembly can accomplish more with a clear set of goals, specific actions,
30 shared commitment to focus, and working in parallel with partners; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, AR 2022-416 committed the Assembly to "develop a comprehensive
33 housing policy outlining an Assembly action plan"; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly has spent the past five months creating the
36 Anchorage Assembly Housing Action Plan and gathering significant community
37 feedback on that plan; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, in that Plan the Assembly's vision is that "the Municipality of Anchorage
40 has affordable, abundant, and diverse housing opportunities, so everyone who
41 wants to live here can find a home that fits their needs and preferences"; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly Housing Action Plan will serve as a guide for the
2 Assembly’s work on housing over the next few years, and will allow the public to
3 understand what the Assembly is working on and engage in that work;
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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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7 **Section 1.** The Assembly adopts the Assembly Housing Action Plan contained in
8 Exhibit A as its guiding document for its housing policy work, and commits to utilize
9 this plan’s vision, guiding principles, goals and strategies as general guiding policy
10 direction for current and future housing policy projects.
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12 **Section 2.** The Assembly Housing Action Plan is intended to be a living document
13 that is flexible over time, to be regularly reviewed to assess progress toward the
14 goals and add or revise strategies and actions to best reflect the Assembly’s
15 approach and current projects. The Assembly will review the plan and consider any
16 proposed substantive updates by the end of 2024.
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18 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
19 approval by the Assembly.
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21 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of December,
22 2023.
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26 Chair of the Assembly

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32 Municipal Clerk