

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 05-20-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING A BUILD GRANT APPLICATION TO IMPROVE AND UPGRADE THE
CORDOVA SOUTH HARBOR**

WHEREAS, the Cordova South Harbor is a vital regional freight and transportation connection serving tribal villages, floatplanes delivering parts, people and supplies bound for remote homesteads, commercial fishing boats and subsistence hunters and gatherers, all of which are important cultural components of life in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Cordova Harbor is the only safe refuge for vessels harvesting fish commercially and participating in subsistence hunting and fishing on the Copper River and in Eastern Prince William Sound;

WHEREAS, the Cordova South Harbor was constructed in 1983 with a design/service life estimate of 25 years; and

WHEREAS, after 37 years the Cordova South Harbor has exceeded its design life and reached the end of its service life, and it currently has serious and dangerous deterioration of floats, stalls, and services; and

WHEREAS, in September 2003 title to the Cordova Harbor was transferred from the State of Alaska into City of Cordova ownership with no provision made for the grave deferred maintenance of the Cordova South Harbor; and

WHEREAS, due to the accumulated damage and accelerated breakdown of the mechanical components that hold the Cordova South Harbor floats together, there are 37 stalls currently missing or so severely damaged they are too dangerous to occupy, and additional loss of moorage capacity continues; and

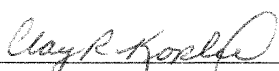
WHEREAS, the remaining floats, stalls, piles, and access ramps need immediate replacement in the Cordova South Harbor to preserve the capacity and ability of the harbor to serve the commercial, recreational and subsistence users of the area; and

WHEREAS, a project to improve and upgrade the Cordova South Harbor would bring the harbor into compliance with modern safety, fire and electrical codes, would improve access for vessels and float planes, would upgrade the existing infrastructure, and would provide ADA compliant gangways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supports the BUILD grant application to improve and upgrade the Cordova South Harbor.


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY 2020





Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk