CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $20 MILLION AWARDED TO THE CITY THROUGH THE “REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY” GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF THE SOUTH HARBOR REBUILD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING A BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF THESE FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $3,000,000 TO FINANCE SOUTH HARBOR REBUILD PROJECT COSTS

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova’s South Harbor, which houses one of the State of Alaska’s largest commercial fishing fleets along with a multitude of other harbor users, is the subject of a significant and long-awaited restoration project (“South Harbor Rebuild Project” or the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova (“City”) has determined that completion of the South Harbor Rebuild Project is in the City’s best interest and necessary per Resolution 05-21-22 adopted May 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City is funding a substantial portion of the South Harbor Rebuild Project through a $20 Million award from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program (the “RAISE Program”); and

WHEREAS, under Article VI, Section 6-2 of the City Charter, the City has the power to borrow money to meet appropriations for any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection of revenues for that year so long as the total of the borrowed funds does not exceed one percent of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the City and Council authorizes the indebtedness by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to borrow the sum of $3 Million in anticipation of the collection of revenues to meet the appropriation from RAISE Program grant funds to pay costs of the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained as follows:

Section 1. The award of $20 Million from the RAISE Program is accepted and those funds shall be transferred to the Harbor Enterprise Fund for use for the South Harbor Rebuild Project upon receipt.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby authorizes the borrowing by the City of the sum of not to exceed $3 Million in anticipation of the collection of revenues primarily in the form of grant funds from the RAISE Program to meet the appropriation. The loan will mature no later than the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the term of the loan commences.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute a contract for the loan with terms that serve the City’s best interests, including the interest rate, collateral, and terms of repayment, subject to Council approval of the contract via resolution before its execution.
Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the City Charter.

1st reading: April 3, 2024
2nd reading and public hearing: April 17, 2024

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL 2024.

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David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk