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12 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

13 RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 29

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17 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP
18 A PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR
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21 WHEREAS, Warming temperatures, heavier summer rains, shorter snow
22 seasons and increasing rain on snow in winter are currently impacting and as these
23 trends continue will increasingly impact the health and wellbeing of current and future
24 Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) residents and poses increasing economic and
25 safety challenges including wildfire, pests and diseases, flooding, hazardous travel
26 conditions, reduced winter recreation and transportation opportunities, and damage to
27 infrastructure; and

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29 WHEREAS, The overwhelming threats from climate change to our
30 environment, infrastructure, economy, and residents' health require that we take
31 mitigation and adaptation measures to address these growing impacts; and

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33 WHEREAS, Climate change will impact the interests of the FNSB, but will
34 disproportionately affect communities already facing disparities in socioeconomic and
35 health outcomes, and as such, climate action is necessary to advance social equity; and

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37 WHEREAS, Efforts to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate
38 change impacts are likely to benefit FNSB residents through cost savings, stable energy
39 prices, steady jobs and local revenues, social equity, improved air quality, better public
40 health outcomes; and

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42 WHEREAS, A climate action plan is the best platform to outline urgently
43 needed comprehensive mitigation and adaptation strategies to address a changing
44 climate; and

45 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough Sustainability Commission
46 recently adopted a resolution calling for action on the climate change crisis, requesting
47 that the Assembly and the administration create a climate action plan addressing these
48 concerns; and

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50 WHEREAS, The FNSB's participation is critical, but as a second class
51 borough, the FNSB's authority is constrained by powers that it can exercise in order to
52 address climate change impacts, for example, in how it constructs and maintains its
53 infrastructure and conducts its operations; solid waste programs, including recycling
54 and other waste reducing measures; water pollution control and storm water
55 management; transportation systems and land use powers that can encourage
56 increased use of public transit and non-motorized transportation; economic
57 development, by expanding locally grown products; and land use controls that
58 encourage smart growth; however,

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60 WHEREAS, a second class borough has land use authority, and adopts a
61 comprehensive plan for guiding the physical, social, and economic development of the
62 borough; and

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64 WHEREAS, The Interior Issues Council Climate Change Task Force
65 performed work in accordance with Borough Assembly Resolution No. 2007-40, and
66 issued a report dated January 10, 2010; efforts should be made to use this report and
67 other Borough planning documents in assessing the next steps in this process.

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69 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star
70 Borough administration shall facilitate the formation of a Joint Climate Change Task
71 Force, including borough staff, residents, and community partners such as the
72 University, for the purpose of identifying tasks and developing a Climate Action and
73 Adaptation Plan which includes actions allowable by a second class borough to address
74 climate change impacts on the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

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76 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Climate Change
77 Task Force will hold its first meeting no later than November 15th, 2019; and

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79 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first objectives of
80 the Climate Change Task Force are to identify funding needs for the development of a
81 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and to identify a path towards securing external
82 funds to meet those needs; and

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84 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon plan completion,
85 the Assembly shall review the draft tasks and plan for consideration and adoption of a
86 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF JULY, 2019.



Matt Cooper
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Williams, Quist, Wildridge, Sanford, Gray, Lyke, Tacke, Cooper
Noes: Lojewski