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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2018-167, As Amended**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DECLARING A POLICY**  
2 **OF DISPERSED PLACEMENT IN THE ANCHORAGE BOWL OF SERVICES AND**  
3 **PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.**  
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5 **WHEREAS**, for years, the Municipality of Anchorage has placed or supported services to  
6 assist homeless persons in the east downtown and north Fairview areas;  
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8 ~~**WHEREAS**, services operated by the Municipality and concentrated in this area include the~~  
9 ~~Anchorage Safety Patrol, Anchorage Safety Center (sleep-off center), Anchorage Community~~  
10 ~~Mental Health Services Adult Services, and Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web;]~~  
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12 **WHEREAS**, [other] shelter[, housing][ and core emergency [support] services concentrated  
13 [located] in this area provided by social service agencies and supported through grants,  
14 leases, contracts, permits or partnerships with the Municipality include Brother Francis  
15 Shelter, Bean's Café, Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center, any many other providers  
16 [~~Karluk Manor (housing first), Covenant House, RurAL GAP programs, Anchorage Jail~~  
17 ~~Complex];~~  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage 2017 Housing Inventory Chart produced by the Alaska Coalition  
20 on Housing and Homelessness indicates of the 357 emergency overnight shelter beds  
21 (excluding those only for women and children) available year-round in the Municipality 295  
22 are located in the downtown/Fairview area, and of an additional 92 available seasonally during  
23 cold weather 75 are located in this area in Bean's Café;  
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25 **WHEREAS**, in addition to hosting 82% of the Municipality's emergency overnight shelter beds  
26 in this area, it also is the site of the Anchorage Safety Center where people with chronic  
27 addictions [~~chronic inebriates~~] can sleep during the sobering process[, the housing first  
28 project at Karluk Manor housing 46 individuals, and another RurAL GAP supported housing  
29 project for 20 individuals];  
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31 **WHEREAS**, the placement and support of these shelters [~~and housing sites~~] attracts the  
32 chronically homeless, intoxicated persons [~~public inebriates~~] and others, and the  
33 concentration in this area of unsheltered people consequently results in social services for  
34 the most vulnerable citizens also being concentrated, visible and accessible here. The  
35 circumstances create a tendency for vulnerable persons and social services support to  
36 congregate in the downtown and Fairview areas, which as a result bears the brunt of  
37 secondary effects produced thereby;  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality's applicable land use and neighborhood plans have the goal of  
40 revitalizing the downtown and Fairview areas to make them attractive and walkable centers  
41 of economic and community activity; and  
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43 **WHEREAS**, the current Administration has made strides in planning for and developing

1 scattered site placements throughout the Anchorage Bowl for housing vulnerable persons  
2 and providing other core services, a trend that must be continued; **and**

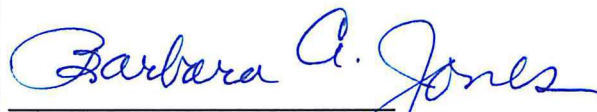
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4 **WHEREAS, planning and housing resources have recently worked to shift populations**  
5 **who can access services elsewhere to appropriate service locations rather than**  
6 **cycling everyone through these high volume areas;** now, therefore

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8 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES and** declares it a public policy of the  
9 Municipality to, when it has the opportunity to do so, first consider locating or recommending  
10 locations dispersed throughout all other areas of the Anchorage Bowl for new or relocated  
11 sites for programs [~~and services~~] providing emergency overnight **services** [~~shelter~~] or  
12 transitional housing for unsheltered homeless persons, and the supportive medical care and  
13 mental health care provided proximate to and on-site at such facilities. The Assembly  
14 recognizes the work of social services and support in the east downtown and north Fairview  
15 areas as important, compassionate, and essential for the Municipality's objectives to end  
16 homelessness in our community and therefore locating sites there are not precluded as an  
17 option. However, this public policy also recognizes that to end homelessness in the long term  
18 and simultaneously support the revitalization of east downtown and north Fairview, dispersed  
19 placement of such services throughout the Anchorage Bowl is reasonable and necessary.

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21 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of June, 2018.

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26 Chair

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31 Municipal Clerk  
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