

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2025-26, As Amended**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING**  
2 **A CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST TO THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE FOR**  
3 **HOUSING ALASKANS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (HAPPP) IN ORDER**  
4 **TO ACCELERATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**  
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6 **WHEREAS**, Alaska's pervasive housing shortage stifles economic growth, impedes  
7 workforce attraction and retention, hampers community well-being, undermines  
8 family stability, and creates unsafe living conditions due to overcrowding or  
9 substandard buildings still in use; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, post-pandemic conditions such as skyrocketing construction costs,  
12 financing hurdles, and a scarce workforce exacerbate Alaska's already serious  
13 housing problems, making the cost of construction too high to make projects feasible  
14 to build, or finance, and as a result housing is goes unbuilt; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the lack of housing in Anchorage is a leading reason why businesses  
17 say they can't grow<sup>1</sup>; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, Alaska workers, from healthcare providers to teachers to cooks, can no  
20 longer afford rising housing costs; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, housing shortages are local issues, but all communities in Alaska are  
23 interconnected, from Anchorage and hub communities, to small towns and villages  
24 on and off the road system; this means our community is impacted by other  
25 communities' housing problems, and our housing shortage impacts them; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership (HAPPP) is a housing  
28 accelerator created in 2022 that collaborates with, leverages, and combines other  
29 funding streams to make it easier for housing projects to get adequate capital quickly  
30 and efficiently; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, HAPPP is unique to other housing funding entities because it blends  
33 public funds and philanthropic contributions, requiring fewer restrictions and less red  
34 tape; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, HAPPP has proven its ability to quickly, effectively, and efficiently  
37 deploy grants to accelerate housing developments through its initial grant awards  
38 that resulted in 84 new housing units in six communities, from Nome to Juneau; now,  
39 therefore

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<sup>1</sup> 2024 Business Confidence Index Report, published by the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation. <https://aedcweb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/BCI-Report-2024.pdf>

1 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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3 **Section 1.** The Anchorage Assembly supports the request for a capital budget  
4 appropriation to HAPPP and urges the Alaska Legislature and Governor Dunleavy  
5 to **encourage economic development by supporting and maintaining funding**  
6 **levels for HAPPP passed in the legislature's approved budget**~~[fund HAPPP's~~  
7 ~~request]~~ in order to accelerate housing developments throughout Alaska's  
8 communities.

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10 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and  
11 approval by the Assembly.

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14 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 21st day of January,  
15 2025.

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19 ATTEST:

Chair

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24 Municipal Clerk