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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2024-14 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRIC POWER LINES ALONG HIGHTOWER ROAD IN GIRDWOOD

WHEREAS, a 2% surcharge is applied to all electric utility bills in Anchorage dedicated to the undergrounding of electrical power lines, raising approximately \$6.6m annually according to the 2024 “*Chugach Electric Association Undergrounding Plan*”; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) section 21.07.050 sets out the criteria for requiring and prioritizing the undergrounding of electrical power lines; and

WHEREAS, AMC 21.07.050 F.3 provides a list of target areas including specific business districts and other areas across the municipality; and

WHEREAS, those priority areas were taken directly from a list in the prior Land Use code and were last updated in 2005 by AO 2005-2; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Town Square was identified as a business district in the 1995 Girdwood Area Plan, zoned as a business district in November 2005 by AO 2005-81(S) and redeveloped from 2005 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment included underground electric power lines in Girdwood Town Square and on Holmgren Place, Lindblad Avenue and Girdwood Place, three of the four roads surrounding Town Square;

WHEREAS, all subsequent development north of Girdwood Town Square has followed AMC 21.07.050 and required underground power lines; and

WHEREAS, the only overhead electric power line remaining in the business district extend along the eastern side of Hightower Road for approximately 500ft from the junction of Alyeska Highway to a point opposite Stumpy’s Way; and

WHEREAS, the specific location of some of the utility poles on Hightower Road also create a direct conflict between safety and the maximum setback requirements applicable to adjacent parcels, all of which are zoned gC-8 or gC-9.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support adding Girdwood Town Center as a business district to the list of designated areas under AMC 21.07.050 F.3;

AND THEREFORE ALSO, requests Chugach Electric Association to add Hightower Road to the list of projects in the “Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Undergrounding Plan” 5-year undergrounding plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 0 this 16th day of December 2024.

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