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David Bronson, Mayor

GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

Resolution 2021-15

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION AND FOR GARDENING TO BE ADDED AS A COMMUNITY USE TO GIRDWOOD LAND USE CODE

WHEREAS, community gardens are an important social addition to the community of Girdwood, where many people live on lots that are not compatible for productive gardening; and

WHEREAS, the concept of eating healthier, locally grown foods is one that has positive results on the community and the environment; and

WHEREAS, currently no desirable locations in Girdwood are available as municipal code for Girdwood does not include gardening as a community use, as it does in other parts of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, a community garden in Girdwood would be run by volunteers using their collective power to build, maintain, and manage the gardens to ensure the sustainability of the project after initial construction; and

WHEREAS, this letter of support will provide proof of community interest and support in reviewing potential locations for a community garden, which will then be considered by the community and a final location agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee supported this action supporting a community garden and identifying possible locations by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support locating community garden(s) in the Girdwood Valley and encourage land stakeholders to identify locations they would consider for this use:

THEREFORE the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves support for amendment of municipal code to include gardening as a Community Use, thereby expanding the areas that can be considered for the purpose of establishing a community garden.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 19th day of July 2021.

Mike Edgington, Girdwood Land Use Committee Chair Mul.

7/20/21

Attest