

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
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3 Adopted: 10/12/2023
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 38
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9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S.
10 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, VIA THE STATE OF
11 ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FOR THE LAND AND WATER
12 CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND FACILITY
13 IMPROVEMENTS AT BERNICE ALLRIDGE PARK, SLATERVILLE PARK, AND SOUTH
14 FAIRBANKS PARK
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16 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service
17 administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program in cooperation
18 with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and
19 Outdoor Recreation, offering competitive 1:1 local matching grants to local government
20 entities; and
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22 WHEREAS, LWCF grant funds are intended to diversify close-to-home
23 outdoor recreation resources through the acquisition or development of public outdoor
24 areas and infrastructure; and
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26 WHEREAS, Approximately \$1,000,000 is available in Alaska for the 2023
27 LWCF Grant Program for projects up to \$250,000, not to exceed \$125,000 of federal
28 funds with the 1:1 local match requirement; and
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30 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) is a qualified
31 applicant for the LWCF Grant Program as a local government with the legal authority to
32 provide park and recreation services on public lands through Ordinance No. 72-42; and
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34 WHEREAS, Bernice Allridge Park, Slaterville Park, and South Fairbanks Park
35 are existing Borough-owned LWCF sites that have been set aside for public recreation;
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38 WHEREAS, These facilities are small neighborhood parks that provide
39 everyday recreational opportunities to the community, and are in need of accessibility
40 and facility improvements to support existing and future use; and
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42 WHEREAS, The proposed projects at these facilities would meet a variety
43 of Alaska 2023-2027 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan goals, such as
44 expanding options for in-town activities by addressing gaps to connect residential
45 neighborhoods to outdoor recreational opportunities, including accessible parking and
46 sidewalks; and
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48 WHEREAS, The three parks are listed in the Borough Capital Improvement
49 Program (CIP) Small Park Replacement Program, and the annual \$500,000 appropriation
50 may fund the required 1:1 grant match; and
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52 WHEREAS, Improvements completed with LWCF grant funds will prepare
53 the sites for future projects under the Borough CIP Small Park Replacement Program,
54 contributing to a holistic renovation of these facilities through a diverse source of funds
55 and partnerships.
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57 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
58 North Star Borough supports the Mayor's submission of grant proposals to the Alaska
59 Department Natural Resources for accessibility and facility improvements at Bernice
60 Allridge Park, Slaterville Park, and South Fairbanks Park.
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62 ADOPTED THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.
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Aaron N. Lojewski

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Presiding Officer

77 ATTEST:

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April Trickey

April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Kelly, O'Neill, Rotermund, Fletcher, Haney, Guttenberg, Wilson, Cash, Lojewski
Noes: None