

TUDOR AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2101-02

“Management of Alaska Center for Treatment”

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Constitution provides that one of the responsibilities of State and Local Government is to provide for the public health;

WHEREAS, State Statutes provide that home rule municipalities have the authority and responsibility to provide for the public health;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, under its home rule authority, has accepted the authority and responsibility to act on behalf of the people in its community to ensure public health, which includes residential neighborhoods and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is working to reduce homelessness and has identified ASAM Level 3.3 Clinically Managed, Population Specific, High Intensity Residential Services as a key part of the array of services needed to assist homeless people on the path to independence;

WHEREAS, intensive level treatment centers have a history of poor patient outcomes and adverse impacts to surrounding businesses and residential neighborhoods (footnotes 1,2); and

WHEREAS, the Golden Lion Hotel, proposed future site of the Alaska Center for Treatment (intended to provide ASAM Level 3.3 High Intensity Residential Treatment Services), is within close proximity to residential neighborhoods, preschools, public schools, religious institutions, marijuana and alcohol businesses (consumption and distribution locations such as stores, restaurants, hotels, etc.) and other community centers and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Tudor Area Community Council requests the following in order to protect affected residential neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and religious institutions of the proposed treatment center (at the Golden Lion site):

1) CREATION OF CC LIAISON COMMITTEE: The neighborhood(s) around the proposed Golden Lion facility shall have community representation during planning, implementation and operation of the facility via the CC liaison committees, via three representatives. Monthly CC

meetings shall include report updates from the CC Liaison committee and from an APD representative in writing or in person (regarding any adverse events related to the treatment facility) with adequate time provided for discussion.

2) ENHANCED NOTIFICATION: Notification of any conditional use proposal shall be provided at least 60 days prior to public hearings in order to allow for practical CC involvement, and in the following manner:

- to all addresses within affected community council(s) via postal mail,
- as postings on the subject property,
- and through correspondence with community councils.

. Notifications should clearly state the following:

- why this property was chosen,
- what segment of the population would be served,
- that APD approved the security plan that would be implemented,
- and what services would be provided at the facility.

Failure to meet any of these requirements should result in the rejection of the conditional use permit.

3) PRE-HEARING COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: A presentation or work session with the affected community council(s) will occur at community councils prior to the public hearing. It shall be led by Municipality of Anchorage Planning staff, with representation from the applicant.

Detailed information on the plans should include the following:

- type of facility,
- services to be provided,
- minimum and maximum number of clients,
- proximity to public transit routes or alternative transportation provisions,
- rules for clients (and visitors) to check in and out of the facility,
- and a continued plan of engagement with the affected community councils and neighbors (business, resident, etc.).

4) TREATMENT CENTER REPORTING: Criteria must be in place to measure ongoing progress and success rate by national benchmarks. The entity managing the treatment center shall provide quarterly reports to both the Municipality of Anchorage and the affected CC committees with the following information:

- finances,
- total number of inpatients and outpatients,

- patient:staff ratios,
- length of stays,
- patient numbers who have dropped out of the program,
- number of patients who have successfully completed the program,
- and security issues resulting in emergency calls or neighborhood crime involving treatment center residents.

5) **IMPACT STATEMENT:** An impact statement shall be provided to the affected CCs by the Municipality of Anchorage prior to awarding the contract to the entity with adequate time for review (TBD during March 2021 CC meeting). The impact statement shall include a detailed mitigation plan for security and disruption to surrounding communities secondary to emergency calls, theft, vandalism, litter, and other related events.

6) **PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT:** The operating entity will be required to obtain a performance bond equal to 10% of operating contract, enforceable upon failure to execute the mitigation plan.

Footnotes

"Not in My Backyard": Claire R. La Roche, Bennie D. Waller and Scott A. Wentland is the seminal study of 12,000 properties in Virginia that show conclusively the effect of treatment centers on residential neighborhoods.

"Residential treatment for individuals with substance use disorders: assessing the evidence" Sharon Reif, Preethy George is the multistudy review showing, at best, moderate success with residential treatment.