

RPCC Resolution in Support of the Development of ASAM Level 3.3 High Intensity Residential Treatment Services in Anchorage and Continued Community Council Collaboration

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, in collaboration with Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, United Way, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Rasmuson Foundation and the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council 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 (best being <30% success in the first 2 years during treatment), adverse impacts to surrounding businesses and residential neighborhoods; 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 businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has historically done poorly with oversight of conditional use permits, resulting in harm to surrounding businesses and residential areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Rogers Park Community Council supports the Municipality of Anchorage's continued exploration of the development of a level 3.3 high intensity drug alcohol addiction treatment facility in Anchorage, including a different location which could provide essential missing components such as access to outdoor recreational space on-site, access to a bus route for transportation to other city resources, and a location that provides access to essential services (i.e., doctors, hospitals, etc.) without being negatively impacted by an imminent DOT project which was planned prior to the purchase of the Golden Lion Hotel.

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

- 1) The affected community council(s) shall be able to have three voting members present at all related meetings with Municipality of Anchorage agencies. These representatives shall be referred to as the CC liaison committees.
- 2) Notification of any conditional use proposal shall be provided to: all addresses within affected community council(s) via postal mail, postings on the subject property, and notices through community councils; and provided at least 60 days prior to public hearings. Notifications should clearly state why this property was chosen, what segment of the population would be served, what security plan would be implemented, and what services would be provided at the facility. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in the rejection of the conditional use permit.
- 3) Prior to the commencement of the 60-day notice period there shall be a pre-hearing community presentation or work session with the affected community council(s). It shall be led by Municipality of Anchorage Planning staff, with representation from the applicant. Detailed information on the plans should include: type of facility, services to be provided, minimum and maximum number of clients, proximity to public transit routes or alternative transportation provisions, how and when safe storage facilities for residents will be accessed, rules for clients (and visitors) to check in and out of the facility, a detailed security plan judged to be adequate by the community shall be in place prior to opening of the facility, and a continued plan of engagement with the affected community councils and neighbors (business, resident, etc.).
- 4) The neighborhood(s) around the proposed facility shall have citizen representation during planning, implementation and operation of the facility via the CC liaison committees. The CC liaison committees (3 representatives from each affected community council) shall be voting members of the committee/group to the proposed treatment center facility. Monthly CC meetings shall include report updates from the CC Liaison committee and from an APD representative (regarding any adverse events related to the treatment facility) with adequate time provided for discussion.
- 5) The entity managing the treatment center shall provide quarterly reports to both to the Municipality of Anchorage and the affected CC committees regarding finances, total number of inpatients and outpatients, patient:staff ratios, length of stays, patient numbers who have dropped out of the program, and number of

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patients who have successfully completed the program. Criteria must be in place to measure ongoing progress and success rate by national benchmarks. Reports must include security issues that have arisen.

- 6) An impact statement shall be provided to the affected community councils 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 mitigation plan. The mitigation plan shall include financial compensation for damage done to the community (i.e., to property owners to compensate for property damage/crime, etc.) as a result of inadequate management of the facility. This includes but is not limited to damage done by patients of the facility. Quarterly reports with yearly reviews will be ongoing. Lack of demonstration of success (as determined by national benchmarks), lack of compliance with the conditional use permit, and/or a significant increase of detrimental effect to the community as reported via quarterly reports after 2 years shall result in loss of contract at the expense of the entity.