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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2012-192**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HILLSIDE ROAD AND DRAINAGE STEERING COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE BEST SUITED TO DISTRICT-WIDE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF HILLSIDE DISTRICT ROADS, DRAINAGE, TRAILS AND RELATED MATTERS, AND TO PLAN FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS MEDIA AND MATERIALS ON RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, road and drainage challenges in the Anchorage Hillside District demonstrate the need for integrated coordination among the divergent home and property-owner governing organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside District Plan, adopted by the Assembly under AO 2010-22, suggests the current “neighborhood-by-neighborhood” approach to constructing and maintaining drainage, roads and trails, and managing water quality is ineffective, and the Hillside District Plan calls for the establishment of “a new Hillside District funding and management entity” to be the district-wide means to address drainage, road, and trail issues on an integrated basis; and

WHEREAS, as set out in the Hillside District Plan, alternatives could include a new Hillside district-wide service area, similar to the Chugiak-Birchwood-Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA), while retaining the 21 existing Limited Road Service Areas active in Hillside; or a new drainage authority; or a combination road service area and drainage authority, maximizing the flexibility of a drainage authority in determining how fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, the creation and combination of service areas will include voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the request for \$100,000 in seed money submitted in the 2012 State Legislative Program for the Municipality of Anchorage (per amended page 59, as attached) has been approved by the Alaska State Legislature and Governor Parnell in the 2012 Capital Budget requests for Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the \$100,000 is to assist the residents and property owners of the Hillside district to implement drainage, road and trails integration called for in the Hillside District Plan by identification of the organizational structure best suited to coordinate effective solutions, and to provide plan and direction for public awareness on recommendations requiring voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee is appropriate to provide oversight and direction in the review of potential organizational structures necessary for proactive and efficient local decision-making to redress Hillside

1 roads and drainage, to enroll public awareness of the process, and maximize the strength
2 and interdependence of current local controls.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

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6 **Section 1.** The Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee shall be appointed to
7 provide oversight in identifying and recommending to the Assembly the organizational
8 structure best suited on a long term basis to implement an integrated approach to
9 constructing and maintaining drainage, roads and trails, and managing water quality on a
10 district-wide basis. The Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee shall be guided by
11 the Hillside District Plan in seeking and evaluating potential local governing models to
12 coordinate effective solutions within the Hillside District, and shall provide an action plan for
13 local community awareness and informed voter participation to implement the recommended
14 local governing model. The evaluation of potential local governing models will include a “pros
15 and cons” comparative analysis of the three approaches referenced in the Hillside District
16 Plan, plus other models considered in the review. The Hillside Road and Drainage Steering
17 Committee shall have access to information and assistance from the Community
18 Development Department as necessary, and shall coordinate planned expenditures from the
19 capital budget state funding through Maurice Robinson (telephone 343-8191). Planned
20 expenditures from the \$100,000 capital budget fund may include items such as professional
21 facilitation, consultant services, public awareness media and materials, and surveys.

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23 **Section 2.** The Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee shall consist of
24 7 members, and may appoint ad hoc and task-oriented special committees of Hillside
25 residents and advisors, in its discretion. Members of the Hillside Road and Drainage
26 Steering Committee shall include representatives currently active from each of the following
27 organizations:

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- Two limited road service areas within the Hillside District
 - A rural road service area within the Hillside District
 - A non-municipally maintained area, maintained through a Homeowners’ Association within the Hillside District
 - A non-municipally maintained/non-Homeowners’ Association maintained neighborhood “pass-the-hat” informally maintained area, within the Hillside District
 - The Glen Alps Service Area
 - The Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA)
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38 Alternates to the organizational members will be designated to ensure meaningful
39 representation. Members and Alternates shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by
40 Assembly Memorandum. Consistent with AMC 4.05.050, members and alternates serve
41 without recompense. The Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee shall be guided
42 by AMC 4.05.070 – 4.05.130 in the election of chair and vice chair, and in the conduct of
43 meetings.

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1 **Section 3.** It is anticipated the Hillside Road and Drainage Steering Committee will meet at
2 least monthly beginning September 2012, and a status report will be provided to the
3 Municipal Clerk timely for the Assembly Meeting scheduled December 18, 2012. Hillside
4 Road and Drainage Steering Committee Meetings are public meetings with public
5 appearance and testimony at the discretion of the steering committee chair. The Mayor's
6 Office is requested to inform the Assembly and the Municipal Clerk of any concerns,
7 difficulties or barriers to appointment and organization of the Hillside Road and Drainage
8 Steering Committee.

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10 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
11 _____, 2012.

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17 Chair

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22 Municipal Clerk
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