AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE, OR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE, OF REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:

LOT 7A BLOCK C HEATHER MEADOWS SUBDIVISION (PLAT 77-149) (PID 009-161-51), LOTS 1 - 6 BLOCK C ROSEBUD SUBDIVISION (PLAT P-224A), (PID 009-161-32, 009-161-33, 009-161-34, 009-161-35, 009-161-36, 009-161-37), BLOCK 4A CENTRAL CITY SUBDIVISION (PLAT 76-245) (PID 003-241-29), THE IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 1 BLOCK 33C USS 408 (PLAT 84-374) (PID 003-073-33), AND TRACT C GREEN VALLEY RESUBDIVISION NO. 1 (PLAT 73-210) (PID 010-193-22) (PROPERTIES) WITH AGGREGATE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION COSTS NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($22,500,000).

WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak in the homeless population in Anchorage, the Sullivan Arena and Ben Boeke Arena were established for shelter, meal distribution, showering, and guest laundry, while the Dempsey Arena was established as a quarantine and isolation facility, and a resource hub for this group has been set up in tents, located in the Ben Boeke Arena parking lot, providing referrals for housing, case management, medical treatment, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the emergency shelters have now been consolidated in the Sullivan Arena with a maximum occupancy of 377 adults, the quarantine and isolation needs have been transferred to hotel rooms, and the Ben Boeke and Dempsey Arenas have been demobilized and returned to service as hockey rinks; and

WHEREAS, planning for the Sullivan Arena to be returned to service, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) anticipates the need to shelter those hundreds of adults in other facilities;

WHEREAS, in housing those individuals, the municipality intends to provide non-congregate shelter where possible, minimize congregate shelter, and, in any congregate shelter provided to include engagement centers (daytime services and resource access); and

WHEREAS, four properties (Properties) have been identified as potential facilities to convert into: housing and a future treatment center; a midtown shelter with an engagement center; supportive housing with a resource hub; and a downtown engagement center; and

WHEREAS, the Bean’s Café building on the downtown campus is currently being utilized for meal preparation and distribution, but may be the best location for a downtown engagement center to provide services to the unsheltered homeless
WHEREAS, the former Alaska Club on Tudor Road near the Old Seward Highway may be the best location for a midtown shelter with an engagement center for the unsheltered homeless population in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Lion Hotel may be the best location for a treatment center that would include step-down housing; and

WHEREAS, the America’s Best Value has been identified as a potential facility for use as housing with a resource center; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate acquisition and renovation costs of the Properties will not exceed the amount of $22,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the acquisition and renovations of the Properties are proposed to come from, or to have been made available by, the State of Alaska, CARES Act Funds, appropriated with AR 2020-199, approved by the Anchorage Assembly on June 2, 2020; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The MOA is hereby authorized to acquire the Properties for acquisition by purchase, or lease with option to purchase, and renovation costs in an aggregate amount not to exceed Twenty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($22,500,000).

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _______ day of ________________, 2020.

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk