

Introduced by: _____

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR
BOROUGH DOWNTOWN PLAN, DOWNTOWN FAIRBANKS 2040**

WHEREAS, downtown Fairbanks is a unique area in our community with a high density of commercial, residential, and institutional uses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks supported the repeal of the past downtown plan, Vision Fairbanks, in 2017, and work began shortly thereafter to develop a new downtown plan; and

WHEREAS, the planning effort for Downtown Fairbanks 2040, hereinafter referred to as “the Plan,” was driven by a project working group with representation and participation by multiple members of City staff and City Councilmembers as well as downtown residents, business owners, and other community representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Plan Working Group held over 30 meetings to consider public input, evaluate existing conditions and best practices, and review and make recommendations on specific subject matter to include in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, public outreach for and participation in the Plan included workshops, surveys, and interviews; a project website that included interactive mapping and comment opportunities; presentations and discussions with community organizations and school groups; tabling at community events; postcards, newsletters, and flyers; and coverage in traditional and social media, which combined, resulted in thousands of comments that contributed to formulating the Plan; and

WHEREAS, there have been five work sessions with the City Council on Downtown Fairbanks 2040; and

WHEREAS, most of the streets within the project planning area are owned and maintained by the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the downtown area has been continuously losing population and buildings over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is in strong support of growing a more robust housing and economic base within the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan language, land use map, and transportation network will guide decision-making in the downtown area for approximately the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, community partners and leaders, including City and Borough governments as well as property owners; business owners; service organizations; and

public, private, and nonprofit organizations are responsible for implementing this community-created plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks strongly supports the adoption of Downtown Fairbanks 2040 as an element of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Regional Comprehensive Plan.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____ Day of ____ 2024.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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