

RESOLUTION NO. 4456

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO
TRANSFER PARCELS OF ALASKA RAILROAD LAND, SUBJECT TO ANY
EXISTING LEASES, TO THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
THROUGH A LAND EXCHANGE OR OTHER METHOD**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad, with legislative approval, has previously transferred land to several communities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute Section 42.40.285 allows the legislature to exchange, donate, sell or otherwise convey the railroad's interest in land; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough has adopted Resolution No. 2010-44 addressing the lands adjacent to the Chena River, which would be ideal for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has nominated the Chena River Walk as an FMATS transportation improvement program project which encompasses this area; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution only pertains to the land adjacent to the Chena River between Cushman Street and Peger Road owned by the Alaska Railroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports Borough Resolution No. 2010-44 and respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature to consider a transfer of property to help accomplish this community goal.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of February, 2011.



JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED: February 14, 2011

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JANEY HOVENDEN, CMC, City Clerk



PAUL J. EWERS, City Attorney

By: Hank Bartos
Introduced: 09/23/10
Amended: 09/23/10
Adopted: 09/23/10

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 44

A RESOLUTION BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH TO ESTABLISH AS A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY, THE TRANSFER OF PARCELS OF ALASKA RAILROAD LAND, SUBJECT TO ANY EXISTING LEASES, TO THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2010 the Fairbanks North Star Borough passed Resolution NO. 2010-10 requesting the Alaska Legislature to transfer parcels of Alaska Railroad land to the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, most land adjacent to the Chena River is already in private ownership and unavailable for public use; and

WHEREAS; most of the remaining public land adjacent to the Chena in the City of Fairbanks is located between Cushman Street and Peger Road and is owned by the Alaska Railroad; and

WHEREAS; the Fairbanks North Star Borough wishes to expand the availability and use of the public waterfront property in the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS; the land requested from the State is mostly vacant and is not essential for present or future railroad operations; and

WHEREAS; cities throughout the United States with riverfront property have redeveloped their riverfronts to boost year around businesses and tourism; and

WHEREAS; the Borough wishes to provide a permanent home for the world class Ice Park and expand Pioneer Park which has outgrown available space; and

WHEREAS; this necessary transfer would allow ventures on both sides of the Chena River to expand and attract tourism year around; and

WHEREAS; the acquisition of this state owned land would provide the borough the stimulus to redevelop an industrial eyesore into a riverfront that would provide new ventures and jobs; and

46 WHEREAS; Alaska Statute Section 42.40.285 allows the Legislature to
47 exchange, donate, sell or otherwise convey the railroads interest in land; and
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49 WHEREAS; The Alaska Railroad, with legislative approval, has previously
50 transferred land to several communities; and
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52 WHEREAS; the Fairbanks North Star Borough has land along the Flood Control
53 Levy and in South Fairbanks that the Alaska Railroad needs to realign the railroad that
54 can be exchanged for the referenced land; and
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56 WHEREAS; This transfer of land can be accomplished at little or no cost to State
57 of Alaska and the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and
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59 WHEREAS; the Fairbanks North Star Borough desires to establish their
60 legislative priorities at an early date for public comment.
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62 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
63 North Star Borough, as a legislative priority, respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature
64 to transfer the referenced land, subject to existing leases, from the Alaska Railroad to
65 the Fairbanks North Star Borough.
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the
68 Honorable Governor Sean Parnell, the Alaska Legislature, the Alaska Railroad Board of
69 Directors, the City of Fairbanks and the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.
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71 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.
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Mike Musick

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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Nanci A. Ashford, CMC

Nanci A. Ashford, CMC, Deputy Clerk
Acting for Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Borough Municipal Clerk

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74 Ayes: Brown, Howard, Beck, Blanchard II, Bartos, Want, Sattley, Musick
75 Noes: None
76 Excused: Winters