Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Cleworth Council Member Rogers Introduced: October 9, 2023

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5086**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FNSB ORDINANCE NO. 2023-60, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FNSBC TITLE 4 TO DELEGATE CERTAIN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DUTIES TO THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND TO THE CITY OF NORTH POLE AND AMENDING FNSBC TITLE 4 REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in the coming weeks, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly will consider Ordinance No. 2023-60, which would reestablish the Fairbanks City Council as the board of adjustment for decisions regarding land within the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, throughout the City's history, the City Council has served as the board of adjustment, but that changed when the Borough Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 2016-36, an ordinance that revoked the Council's authority to sit as the board of adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2020, the City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 4903, A Resolution Requesting the Borough Assembly to Reestablish the City Council as the Board of Adjustment for Appeals Involving Property Located Within the City of Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2020, the City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 4934, which supported Borough Ordinance No. 2020-28, An Ordinance Amending Title 4 to Delegate Certain Board of Adjustment Duties to the City of Fairbanks, and Amending Title 4 Regarding Appointments to the Planning Commission; however, the Borough Assembly failed the ordinance by a vote of 3 – 6; and

WHEREAS, the City Council sincerely believes that appeals involving land use decisions for land located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fairbanks are best decided by the City Council, the officials elected by the people most affected by such land use decisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fairbanks urges the Borough Assembly to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-60 and reestablish the Fairbanks City Council as the board of adjustment for decisions regarding land within the City of Fairbanks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide the Borough Clerk an executed copy of this Resolution for distribution to members of the Borough Assembly.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

APPROVED: October 9, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney