

1 By: Grier Hopkins, Mayor
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 06
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF
10 NEW SERVICE AREAS AND ANNEXATIONS TO NEW SERVICE AREAS WITHOUT VOTER
11 APPROVAL
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13 WHEREAS, The Alaska Constitution gives local governing bodies the power
14 to create service areas and provides for maximum local self-government with a minimum
15 number of local government units; and
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17 WHEREAS, Since 2002, AS 29.35.450 requires an alteration of an existing
18 service area, including by annexation of properties that are not receiving road service, to
19 be approved not only by an ordinance from the governing body but also by election of
20 both the parent service area and the area to be annexed; and
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22 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough is a large geographic area
23 with 103 road service areas and miles of roads that are prevented from joining these
24 existing service areas and therefore do not receive any road maintenance or construction;
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27 WHEREAS, Existing service areas repeatedly express the desire for local
28 control and maintenance for neighborhoods, often to the exclusion of subdivisions and
29 other areas that also desire road service; and
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31 WHEREAS, Eliminating the voter approval requirement prospectively only,
32 in a manner that does not impact existing service areas, will allow maximum control at
33 the local level for determining how to provide a service that residents are seeking.
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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
36 North Star Borough supports a legislative change to AS 29.35.450 that will remove the
37 voter approval requirement for the creation of, or annexation to, a service area created
38 on or after the effective date of the change.
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly requests the Clerk to
41 distribute a copy of this resolution to the Alaska Interior Delegation and the Honorable
42 Governor Dunleavy.
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ADOPTED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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Scott Crass
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Guttenberg, LaJiness, Rotermond, Wilson, Armstrong, Roach, Kelly, Crass
Noes: None
Other: Reeves (Excused)