

WHEREAS, a local DMV office ensures that our industries can meet the required licensing and registration requirements necessary for them to efficiently operate and maximize their work time; and

WHEREAS, The upcoming Federal requirement to possess a REAL ID for air travel and the requirement for in-person issuance of those ID's adds additional workload pressure on DMV offices across the state and time burdens to customers having to travel many miles to a DMV office; and

WHEREAS, When one considers how often transactions at the DMV reveal the need for a return trip to DMV with some newly obtained document or bit of information to solve a problem, the burden of distant travel on the customer is compounded; and

WHEREAS, closing a regional DMV office during the COVID-19 pandemic and requiring people to drive to distant communities to resolve issues with needed identification, registrations, and permits risks cross-community transmission and compromises community health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Homer DMV provides essential services to Homer and the surrounding communities and is part of the backbone of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Limiting access to DMV would unnecessarily limit our economy and yield nothing more than negligible cost savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby opposes the closure of the Homer Department of Motor Vehicle Office on July 30, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 11th day of January, 2021.



CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK