MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 22-18R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF USS 994 LOT 1 FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway owns USS 994 Lot 1, according to Plat 2005-1; and

WHEREAS, the Seven Pastures recreation area is located USS 994 Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee met on June 7, 2022 and discussed designating unused land northeast of Seven Pastures as a community garden and open public space; and

WHEREAS, community gardens are premises used for crop cultivation by individuals or collectively; and

WHEREAS, the participation in community gardens may empower residents to become more active in their communities, cultivating cross-cultural and inter-generational volunteers and leaders, and can also be used for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, community gardens may provide access to healthy food for all participants who may come from all economic backgrounds, allowing residents to make an effort to improve nutrition and potentially lower food costs for participants; and

WHEREAS, participation in gardening activities may improve well-being through increased social and physical activity, provide an activity for stress reduction, improved nutrition, and increase the availability of healthy foods for participants; and

WHEREAS, community gardens provide a way to preserve and maintain access to, and use of open green spaces; and

WHEREAS, food scarcity poses a real threat to the health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, available land suitable for growing food in Skagway is not readily available; and

WHEREAS, staff will pursue a survey of the property, create a long-term design and maintenance plan, and recommend budget allocations for implementation and maintenance of this plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that, the Borough Assembly considers the use of a portion of USS 994 Lot 1 as a community garden to be in the best interests of the community, and consistent with the uses of municipal property in the area of USS 994 Lot 1, and designates USS 994 Lot 1 for use as a community garden if implementation is determined feasible by the Borough Manager and upon approval of a plan by the Borough Manager and approval of a budget by the Borough Assembly.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 16 day of June, 2022, by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST: Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk

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