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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 06

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS (ACOE) TO
EXTEND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PERMIT POA-2013-00286 REGARDING THE MANH
CHO PROJECT AND TO HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FAIRBANKS
NORTH STAR BOROUGH PRIOR TO CLOSING OF THE EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB or Borough) has vast
stores of natural resources, critical military bases, and tourism as major industries; and

WHEREAS, FNSB is concerned about the safety and conditions of the roads,
corridors of travel, and recreational resources available to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Local air quality, land use, education, and transportation are
also vital concerns for the FNSB government and its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Assembly has oversight through the exercise of
certain powers to address those concerns as development impacts occur in the Borough;
and

WHEREAS, State and Federal proposed actions have direct influence on
FNSB government, Borough residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The recent U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) POA-2013-
00286 wetlands permit for Peak Gold, LLC and the Native Village of Tetlin proposes to
mine gold near the the Native Village of Tetlin, then haul the ore to Fort Knox for
processing to meet global demand ("the Project"); and

34 WHEREAS, The Project and the associated ore transportation would have a direct
35 impact on our residents road travel, recreational uses, and quality of life; and
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37 WHEREAS, There has been very limited access to information for our
38 residents on the complete development plans for this proposed mining operation, which
39 includes a major transportation corridor plan that passes over and along major waterways
40 and wetlands areas.
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42 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
43 North Star Borough requests the ACOE extend the public comment period beyond
44 February 13, 2022 for POA-2013-00286.
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly requests the ACOE hold at
47 least one public hearing in the FNSB prior to closing the extended public comment period.
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly requests the Clerk distribute
50 a copy of this resolution to the ACOE in accordance with the Public Notice for Permit
51 Application.
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53 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2022.
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57 Mindy O'Neill
58 Presiding Officer
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60 ATTEST:
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64 April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk