




# Fairbanks North Star Borough

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

From: Bryce Ward, Borough Mayor 

Date: 4/22/2021

Subject: Resolution 2021-18  
A Resolution supporting efforts to identify and control the spread of invasive chokecherry in the Fairbanks area

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Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution supporting a grant application by the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD).

The FSWCD is proposing to map locations of invasive Chokecherry in the Fairbanks Area, implement outreach activities to educate residents and businesses on the hazards of invasive Chokecherry, and conduct demonstration projects for the control of invasive Chokecherry.

I urge your adoption of this Resolution.

Attachments: Resolution



By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor  
Introduced: 4/22/2021

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 18

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND CONTROL THE SPREAD OF  
INVASIVE CHOKECHERRY IN THE FAIRBANKS AREA

WHEREAS, Chokecherry trees were introduced in Alaska as attractive ornamental trees for yards and community parklands; and

WHEREAS, Two varieties of Chokecherry, *Prunus padus*, commonly known as European bird cherry, chokecherry, or mayday trees and *Prunus virginiana*, commonly known as Canadian red and chokecherry have been labeled invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Invasive Chokecherry has spread beyond yards and parks to many locations along the Chena River and the Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge; and

WHEREAS, Invasive Chokecherry can displace native trees, shrubs, and forbs, negatively impacting fish and wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, The USDA Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources have grant monies available to control invasive Chokecherry species; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) is applying for this grant to support mapping, education, and control efforts for invasive Chokecherry in Interior Alaska; and

32 WHEREAS, FSWCD is seeking support from the Fairbanks North Star  
33 Borough, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the University of Alaska  
34 Cooperative Extension in these efforts; and

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36 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community will benefit from the efforts of FSWCD  
37 to control the spread of invasive Chokecherry and reduce the impacts to local fish and  
38 wildlife.

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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks  
41 North Star Borough supports the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District grant  
42 application and the local, State, and Federal efforts to control the spread of invasive  
43 Chokecherry species in Fairbanks.

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45 ADOPTED THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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48 Mindy O'Neall  
49 Presiding Officer

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52 ATTEST:

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55 April Trickey, CMC  
56 Borough Clerk

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59 Jill S. Dolan  
60 Borough Attorney