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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2022 –  
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9 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TANANA LAKES RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN TO  
10 EXPAND THE BOUNDARY OF THE DESIGNATED OFFROAD VEHICLE (ORV) PARK AND  
11 TO REMOVE DESIGNATION OF A FORMER MATERIAL SITE AS A RETRIEVER POND  
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14 WHEREAS, In May 2007, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough)  
15 Assembly approved Resolution No. 2007-16, accepting the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area  
16 (TLRA) Master Plan with implementation contingent upon leasing the land from the State;  
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19 WHEREAS, In September 2007, the Borough executed a zero-cost, 55-year  
20 term lease agreement with the State (ADL No. 416010, recorded as Instrument No. 2007-  
21 021553-0) for 286.64 acres of land conditioned on use and development consistent with  
22 the TLRA Master Plan; and  
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24 WHEREAS, In November 2015, the Borough Assembly approved Resolution  
25 No. 2015-34, authorizing the Mayor to add approximately 210 acres to the TLRA – known  
26 as the East Addition – to further the Borough’s goal of providing an off-road vehicle (ORV)  
27 park within the TLRA; and  
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29 WHEREAS, In March 2016, the State agreed to allow lease of the East  
30 Addition to the Borough and in March 2017, the State granted “entry authorization”  
31 (equating to management authority) for use and development of the East Addition  
32 consistent with the TLRA Master Plan; and  
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34 WHEREAS, In November 2017, the Borough Assembly adopted Resolution  
35 No. 2017-50 amending the TLRA Master Plan to add the East Addition as the location for  
36 an ORV Park, though the specific boundary of the Park was unclear; and  
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38 WHEREAS, The TLRA Master Plan First Amendment updated page "5-17"  
39 and Figure 6 of the Plan to include the additional acreage and state the intended use of  
40 the East Addition to include, but not be limited to, development of an ORV Park and a  
41 Retriever Pond; and  
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43 WHEREAS, Design and construction of the ORV Park was to be user-group  
44 driven, a role that was taken on by the non-profit Fairbanks Offroad Lions (FORL) who  
45 are now working to secure a sublease with the Borough; and  
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47 WHEREAS, While the ORV Park has been developed with an active user  
48 group partner, the retriever pond has not had similar interest or request for approval and  
49 development of plans since the 2017 designation; and  
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51 WHEREAS, As the ORV Park user group, FORL has requested control over  
52 access to the pond to ensure feasibility of the safety and security requirements of their  
53 sublease, especially during event use; and  
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55 WHEREAS, Changing the boundary of the ORV Park and the use of the pond  
56 from a retriever pond to a use consistent with development of the ORV Park both require  
57 that the TLRA Master Plan be amended; and  
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59 WHEREAS, The TLRA Master Plan Second Amendment removes the  
60 reference to the retriever pond originally added by the TLRA Master Plan First Amendment  
61 summary page (incorporated by reference into Resolution No. 2017-50) and expands the

62 ORV Park boundary by approximately 24 acres from that shown in 2017 on Figure A-3;  
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65 WHEREAS, The new ORV Park boundary will also be consistent with the  
66 Alaska State Land Survey required by the State in order to add the East Addition to the  
67 55-year lease agreement.

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69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks  
70 North Star Borough amends the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area Master Plan to expand  
71 the boundary of the designated offroad vehicle (ORV) park by approximately 24 acres to  
72 the encompass the entire approximately 210-acre East Addition, and to remove  
73 designation of a former material site as a retriever pond.

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79 ADOPTED THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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82 Mindy O’Neill  
83 Presiding Officer

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90 Borough Clerk

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