

RESOLUTION NO. 5129

**A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE FINANCIAL AUDIT
REMITTANCE FOR EXPLORE FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 74-117(e)(2) requires remittance of a financial audit by September 1 for recipients receiving \$500,000 or more in room rental tax funds, unless extended by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Explore Fairbanks receives more than \$500,000 in room rental tax funds from the City of Fairbanks and will be required to provide a financial audit by September 1; and

WHEREAS, Explore Fairbanks is requesting an extension to remit the financial audit by October 31 (see attached letter).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, that Explore Fairbanks is granted an extension to October 31, 2024 to remit the financial audit required by FGC Sec. 74-117(e)(2).

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd Day of July 2024.



David Pruhs, Mayor

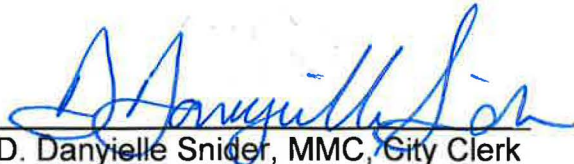
AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED: July 22, 2024

ATTEST:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

July 10, 2024

To: City of Fairbanks Mayor David Pruhs
Fairbanks City Council Members
City of Fairbanks Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell

From: Scott McCrea, President and CEO
Dawn Murphy, Director of Finance and Administration

[Handwritten signatures: Scott McCrea and Dawn Murphy]

Re: Request for time extension for Explore Fairbanks 2023 Annual Audit

We respectfully request a time extension to October 31st for submission of the Explore Fairbanks 2023 Annual Audit, as required under Ordinance 6269 which was passed on February 12, 2024.

The 2020 Audit was presented by Alliance CPAs and approved by the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors on June 26, 2024. This complex audit took several months' work including subsequent events, grant testing, and internal controls. Due to an international move by the sole accountant working on the audit, we had to wait for her return to Fairbanks to complete it in early June. We are now waiting for Alliance to complete their final procedures and issue, which we anticipate coming shortly.

The 2021 review has been presented and approved by Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors. Our new accounting firm, Wilson and Wilson, are waiting for the 2020 Audit to be finalized before issuing. The 2022 review is almost complete and will be presented at the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors' meeting on August 28th.

Last week we met with Wilson and Wilson to discuss the 2023 Audited Financials. With the work required for a full audit including confirmations, internal control testing, and other items Wilson and Wilson did not feel they could guarantee to be ready to present to the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors until our meeting on October 30th, which would then allow us to submit it to the City of Fairbanks on October 31st along with the other financial and marketing documents required by Ordinance 6269.

We are very much committed to abiding by the deadline established by the Ordinance moving forward. This year has proven to be challenging due to the work done catching up on the multiple years and continued day-to-day business, which has put us behind our projected time frame.

Thank you for your consideration. We greatly appreciate our partnership with the City of Fairbanks.