

RESOLUTION NO. 5130

**A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF CLEM CLOOTEN AND IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
FAIRBANKS AND ITS RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, Clemens “Clem” Clooten began working as a Utility Engineer I at the Municipal Utilities System (MUS) on November 16, 1982, and later came to work as the Electrical Inspector in the City Building Department in July of 1984; and

WHEREAS, Clem was promoted to City Building Official on June 1, 2011, and continued to also serve as the Electrical Inspector, maintaining that position for forty continuous years; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department is regularly rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) on its administration of building codes; training, education, experience, and certification of staff; staffing levels; building code modification and method of adoption; zoning provisions; and public programs, and under Clem’s leadership, the City Building Department has maintained an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 1 or 2, ranking it in the top 5% of building departments across the nation; and

WHEREAS, as the City Building Official, Clem has spent a great deal of his time working with property owners to remediate abandoned or dilapidated properties, always with patience, professionalism, fairness, and grace, which exemplifies the “Golden Heart” of the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, Clem’s hard work has often gone unrecognized, in large part because of his quiet, consistent style; and

WHEREAS, Clem’s positive, get-it-done attitude has made him an excellent leader and role model at the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, Clem has also been a leader outside of City Hall by donating countless hours coaching and instructing student-athletes in the Fairbanks area for over 30 years through various organizations, such as Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association, Interior Youth Basketball, and Lathrop High School; and

WHEREAS, due to his commitment to excellence in coaching and to the positive impact he has had on thousands of young lives, Clem was inducted into the Lathrop High School Wall of Fame in 2008; and


WHEREAS, Clem is a kind, hard-working, and well-loved member of the City of Fairbanks family and the community and has been a dedicated City employee for more than 40 years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS:

That Mr. Clooten's devoted service to our community and to his profession will be long remembered by City employees, the Mayor, and the City Council, and he leaves a legacy of integrity, kindness, and hard work; and

That the City Council extends its deepest appreciation to the Clooten family for sharing Mr. Clooten with the City and its residents for over four decades and wishes Mr. Clooten a long and happy retirement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of July 2024.

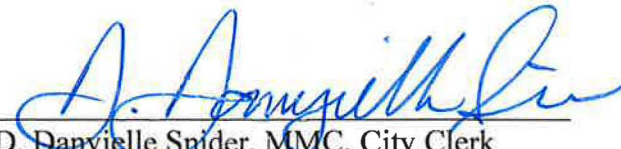


David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: July 22, 2024

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney