

Introduced By: Councilmember Marney
Councilmember Cleworth
Councilmember Tidwell
Councilmember Therrien
Councilmember Ringstad
Councilmember Sprinkle
Date: January 13, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 5153

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAIRBANKS ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO BE
DESIGNATED AS THE ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATION (ARDOR) FOR THE INTERIOR REGION**

WHEREAS, Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs) were first established in 1988 under A.S. § 44.33.895 to encourage economic development for local communities and businesses within their region, collect and distribute economic information relevant to their region, develop and implement strategies to attract new industry, expand international trade opportunities, and encourage tourism within their region; and

WHEREAS, the current boundary of the Interior Region ARDOR, the municipal boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB), encompasses and includes the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Department of Community and Economic Development designated the Fairbanks North Star Borough Economic Development Commission as the ARDOR for the Interior Region in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code § 4.40 establishes the Fairbanks North Star Borough Economic Development Commission, defines the Commission's purpose and scope, and lists among the Commission's responsibilities that it serves as an ARDOR; and

WHEREAS, regional development organizations are defined at A.S. § 44.33.896(f)(2) as nonprofit organizations or nonprofit corporations formed to encourage economic development within a particular region of the state that includes the entire area of each municipality within that region; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) is a nonprofit corporation providing economic development services to the City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole, and FNSB; and

WHEREAS, A.S. § 44.33.896(f) further requires that the ARDOR have a board of directors that represents the region's economic, political, and social interests; and

WHEREAS, FEDC's board of directors includes representatives of the FNSB's three municipalities, key industry participants, and social interests; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by FEDC encompass all the activities envisioned for ARDORs by the State of Alaska and residents of the FNSB, including the creation, maintenance, and implementation of the community's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and

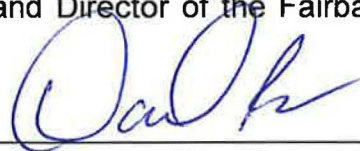
WHEREAS, FEDC is applying to the Alaska Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development (DCCED) for the direct transfer of ARDOR-status from the FNSB to FEDC, within the existing service territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA that the City of Fairbanks supports Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation's application to become the official Alaska Regional Development Organization for the Interior Region of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks encourages the Alaska Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development to designate the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation as the ARDOR for Interior Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this resolution is six days after it has been adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Fairbanks is directed to provide copies of this resolution, once adopted, to the Clerk of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Clerk of the City of North Pole, and Director of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

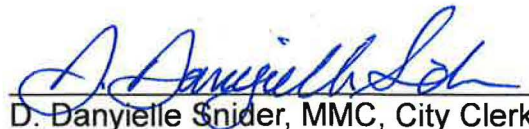
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tidwell

APPROVED: January 13, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney