

Submitted by HALO
For Reading: September 30, 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOME AND LANDOWNERS ORGANIZATION, (HALO), REPRESENTING HOMEOWNERS OF THE ANCHORAGE HILLSIDE AREA, TO REQUEST THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE REQUIRE CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION TO BURY EXISTING ELECTRICAL UTILITY LINES IN THE HILLSIDE AREA FOR REASONS OF SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF WILDFIRE IN SOUTHEAST ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, the Home And Landowners Organization, Inc. (HALO) is an organization formed in 1969 by residents in the South Anchorage/Hillside area to represent their best interests in advocating for rural development safety and security of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the southern geographic area of the Municipality of Anchorage known as Southeast Anchorage is in perpetual danger of wildfire due to devastation of its forests caused by the spruce bark beetle for more than a decade, and there are thousands of acres of forest in Southeast Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, above ground utility lines are in more danger of destruction in the event of wildfire in the areas in which the lines exist, while underground utility lines are not; and

WHEREAS, the homes in South Anchorage are served by Chugach Electric Association; and

WHEREAS, Chugach Electric Association is required by Municipality of Anchorage regulation to spend 2% of its annual gross retail revenue to underground a portion of its existing electrical lines annually; and

WHEREAS, the majority of those homes located in South Anchorage use water produced by wells, which are run by electricity; and

WHEREAS, a power outage in South Anchorage in conjunction with a wildfire could be devastating to the homes and individuals who might be unable to use well water to douse their homes and protect their property; and

WHEREAS, it is at the discretion of Chugach Electric Association, with agreement by the Municipality of Anchorage, to decide which of CEA's existing distribution lines to underground.

NOW, THEREFORE, the homeowners of Southeast Anchorage, through HALO, hereby resolve that the Municipality of Anchorage encourage the undergrounding of electric utilities in wooded areas of southeast Anchorage for increased safety in the case of wildfire.

Specifically, we request that to the list of factors to be considered when prioritizing undergrounding in Title 21.90.060A be added: Whether distribution lines are at risk in the case of wildfire.

And to the list of major traffic corridors in Title 21.90.060.B.4 be added Abbott Road, O'Malley Road, Huffman Road, DeArmoun Road, Rabbit Creek Road, and Hillside Drive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hamre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "H".

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