

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, OPPOSING APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PERMIT FOR HELICOPTER LANDING PROJECT LAS 33373

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received an application from Joseph Wolf dba as Alaska Backcountry Guides, LLC (“Backcountry”) “for year-round use of a temporary helicopter landing pad and storage of 10,000 gallons of Jet fuel” for a five-year period “to run a helicopter landing, fueling, & storage area” (“Helicopter Operation”); and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter Operation would be located “off Corbin Loop Road at MP 6.5 of the Richardson Highway” legally described as Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, Copper River Meridian; and

WHEREAS, DNR has solicited comments from the City of Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the site of the Helicopter Operation is directly adjacent to a developed residential subdivision with 54 privately held parcels zoned as Rural Residential; and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter Operation does not conform to the uses permitted within the subdivision or the residential character of the subdivision, which is intended for low-density living; and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter Operation is likely to disturb residents of the subdivision and may have adverse effects on the quality of life and safety of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter Operation is likely to disturb wildlife near the site including swans and other waterfowl that nest nearby; and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter Operation site is located near a stream, wetlands, and a FEMA designated special flood hazard area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA THAT:

Section 1. The Valdez City Council opposes the issuance of a permit for the Helicopter Operation and requests that DNR deny the permit application.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to DNR.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 25th day of August, 2020.

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ATTEST:

Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk