

# **ADA Advisory Board Packet**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2026**



**Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.**

Meetings at Homer City Hall  
Cowles Council Chambers  
491 E. Pioneer Ave.  
Homer, Alaska





# Agenda

## ADA Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 09, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Cowles Council Chambers City Hall In-Person & via Zoom Webinar

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### Homer City Hall

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### CALL TO ORDER, 4:30pm

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** The Public is invited to comment on items not scheduled for Public Hearing. (3 Minute Time limit)

### RECONSIDERATION

### VISITORS/PRESENTATION(S)

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2026

### REPORT(S)

### PUBLIC HEARING(S)

### PENDING BUSINESS

A. Memorandum from City Manager re: Facilities Transition Plan Update

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum from City Manager re: FY27 Mid-Biennium Budget Requests for Accessibility

### INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. ADA advisory Board 2026 Annual Calendar

B. ADA Advisory Board 2026 Strategic Plan

[C.](#) City Managers Report for March 23,2026

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** The public is invited to comment on any topic. (3 Minute Time Limit)

**COMMENTS OF THE STAFF**

**COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting is Thursday, May 13, at 4:30 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar

**CALL TO ORDER**

Session 26-0 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Christine Thorsrud at 4:30 p.m. on March 12, 2026, from the Cowles Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS CASE, DARBONNE, LEPLY, O'BRIEN, SAFRA, THORSRUD & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ENGBRETSSEN

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** DEPUTY CITY CLERK LYNN

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Thorsrud requested a motion and second to approve the agenda as presented.

LEPLY/CASE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 Minute Time limit)**

**RECONSIDERATION**

**VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2025

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that the Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for the September 11, 2025 meeting are incomplete, but that they will be ready for approval at the November Regular Meeting.

**STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT(S)/COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

- A. Staff Report

- Elections went well – roughly 22% voter turnout.
- The ADA’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project nomination was adopted and has been included in the CIP until further notice.
- Staffing transition in the Clerk’s Office with Deputy City Clerk Pettit moving out of state at the end of the month – potential cancellation of the November meeting for the ADA Advisory Board.

B. Chair or Boardmember Monthly Report

Chair Thorsrud noted that she met Mayor Lord last Friday for an informal chat. She informed the Board of the upcoming All-Hands Worksession taking place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other discussion topics during her meeting with the Mayor included town center progress, how projects move through the government, and how the city will address assigning ADA requirements within city departments for new projects when they arise.

There was brief discussion about federal, state, and local ADA requirements.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Annual Review of City of Homer Transition Plans – City Facilities and Parks, Playgrounds and Campgrounds

Chair Thorsrud introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to ADA Coordinator Krause, who provided a summary explanation of her memorandum included in the packet. Discussion topics included:

- Which projects affect federal and state funding
  - In-depth discussion regarding City Hall accessibility
- Accessibility during elections for disabled individuals
- Parks & Playgrounds equipment accessibility
- ADA-related training materials
- Procedure for tracking and managing projects in the Transition Plans

Without any further discussion, the Board came to a consensus to revisit this business item in the future.

- B. Approving the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

Chair Thorsrud introduced the item by reading of the title and opened the floor for discussion.

The Board decided unanimously against holding a meeting in the month of January, in addition to cancelling the July meeting. Further, the Board agreed to schedule all meetings for a 4:30 p.m. start time on the second Thursday of each month.

CASE/SAFRA MOVED TO ADOPT THE SCHEDULE FOR 2026 AS DISCUSSED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

#### A. 2025 Annual Calendar

Chair Thorsrud noted the informational materials.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

### **COMMENTS OF COUNCIL**

### **COMMENTS OF THE STAFF**

Deputy City Clerk noted that it was a good meeting and that he will miss everyone he's met during his time with the city.

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that it was a good meeting and thanked the Board for its patience.

### **COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

Board Member Darbonne thanked the Board for allowing her to participate via Zoom.

Board Member Lepley shared his appreciation for the fact that the Board got its project on the CIP and wished Deputy City Clerk Pettit good luck in his future endeavors.

Board Member Case provided a synopsis for a plan that he's devised for the Poopdeck trail that would include Kasilof Wood & Metal, adding that he's sure the project would come in at well under \$50,000. He added that there would need to be some tree pruning done, reasoning that the trees are impeding the trail.

Board Member O'Brien noted that it was a good meeting. He added that he liked the idea of visiting with some of the people involved in setting the status of the projects in the Transition Plans.

Board Member Safra alluded to some training available through the Independent Living Center locally in Homer. She shared her appreciation for everyone that she serves with.

Board Member Thorsrud thanked everyone for showing up and wished Board Member Lepley a safe trip out of state. She thanked everyone for their input and ideas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Thorsrud adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.** All meetings are scheduled to be held in City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

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SCOTT LYNN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



# MEMORANDUM

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## Facilities Transition Plan Review

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Chair Thorsrud and the ADA Advisory Board  
**Meeting Date:** April 3, 2026  
**From:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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**Background:** Pursuant to Homer City Code 2.70.040 Duties and Responsibilities of the ADA Board, the Board is responsible to develop and perform annual updates to maintain transition plan(s) for city facilities, programs, parks, trails, play areas and campgrounds, listing any barriers that would limit accessibility of its programs, activities or services to individuals; the methods to be utilized to remove those barriers and schedules for taking necessary steps to achieve compliance.

**Discussion:** At the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting this matter was on the Boards agenda and you all provided feedback on updates you'd like to see with the current plan related to categorization of the plan's ADA Compliance Issues and how best to reflect work that has been completed.

After the last meeting I was able to meet with Public Works and learn about additional work that has been completed since last year's review, and my plan is to bring back an updated document draft by the Board's June meeting that incorporates suggestions from March 12<sup>th</sup> for the Boards review and recommendations for additional formatting changes.

During my meeting with Public Works, staff asked whether it's necessary or timely to complete another survey of City facilities. A quick internet search indicated that ADA facility surveys, or self-evaluations and transition plans for public entities, should be updated regularly, with recommendations to review them periodically (such as annually or every few years) to ensure continued compliance and to track progress on removing barriers. [Reference Links [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

I'll look forward to discussing this with you all at the meeting.

**Recommendation:** Informational, a copy of the current Transition Plan is in [the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board Packet](#).



# MEMORANDUM

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## FY27 Budget Request for ADA Accessibility Projects

**Item Type:** Action Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Chair Thorsrud and the ADA Advisory Board  
**Meeting Date:** April 3, 2026  
**From:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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**Background:** The City is in the FY27 mid-biennium budget amendment process and this is a time the Board could make budget request recommendations.

**Discussion:** The ADA Advisory Board has continually encouraged that the City not only meet but go beyond when it comes to placement of accessible picnic tables and benches, so I reached out to the Parks Coordinator Chad Felice about accessible benches and tables. The City general fund has purchased benches with arms and backs that have been or will be placed along Pioneer Avenue and on the Story Book Trail and may be ordering a couple more this spring. The Harbor Enterprise fund has purchased six benches that have been placed on the Homer Spit. I also learned that the City has six accessible picnic tables, one that was purchased last year.

The ADA Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund has an approximate balance of \$50,000, and I wonder if the Board would like to propose a budget request for funding to purchase some additional accessible picnic tables. The cost of the table purchased last year was \$1400.

I'll have information on current locations of accessible tables at the meeting to help with the discussion.

**Recommendation:** If a budget amendment is desired, move to recommend a budget amendment for the purchase of accessible picnic tables.

## ADA ADVISORY BOARD 2026 Meeting and Work Plan

	AGENDA DEADLINE	MEETING	CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REPORT*	ANNUAL TOPICS/EVENTS
<b>JANUARY</b>	No Meeting Scheduled			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Wednesday 2/4 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 2/12 4:30 p.m.	Monday 2/23 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set 2026 Meeting Calendar</li> <li>• Strategic Plan and Goals</li> <li>• ADA FY27 Mid-Biennium Budget</li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b>	Wednesday 3/4 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 3/12 4:30 p.m.	Monday 2/23 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Facilities Transition Plan</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	Wednesday 4/1 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 4/9 4:30 p.m.	Monday 4/13 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Trails Transition Plan</li> <li>• Board Training (Date TBD)</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	Wednesday 5/6 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 5/14 4:30 p.m.	Monday 5/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Rec Transition Plan Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	Wednesday 6/3 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 6/11 4:30 p.m.	Monday 6/22 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status Update of Adopted Transition Plans</li> <li>• Current Capital Improvement (CIP) Plan Review</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	No Meeting Scheduled			
<b>AUGUST</b>	Wednesday 8/5 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 8/13 4:30 p.m.	Monday 8/24 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Improvement Plan (tentative)</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Wednesday 9/2 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 9/10 4:30 p.m.	Monday 9/14 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Improvement Plan (tentative)</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Wednesday 9/30 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 10/08 4:30 p.m.	Monday 10/12 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Meeting Schedule for Upcoming Year</li> <li>• Review Transition Plan - Facilities</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Wednesday 11/04 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 11/12 4:30 p.m.	Monday 11/23 6:00 p.m.	Review Transition Plan – Facilities & Updates
<b>DECEMBER</b>	No Meeting Scheduled			

\*The Board’s opportunity to give their report to City Council is scheduled for the Council’s regular meeting following the Board’s regular meeting, under Agenda Item 8 – Announcements/ Presentations/ Borough Report/Commission Reports.

# **ADA ADVISORY BOARD 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN & GOALS**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The ADA Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and City Council concerning Title II Regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act within the borders of the City of Homer which covers programs, activities, and services of public entities and its facilities pursuant to the powers and duties in Homer City Code 2.70.040.

## **VALUES, ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

<b>General Administrative</b>	Advise the City Manager and the City Council on necessary steps to ensure city facilities, programs and services are compliant with Title II of the ADA.
<b>Policy</b>	Work with the ADA Coordinator to establish written policies to effect and maintain accessibility for and in City facilities, programs, and services to include but not limited to parks, play areas, recreational programs, trails and campgrounds for approval by the City Council.
<b>Planning</b>	Ensure that the ADA Transition Plan(s) have implementation and evaluation components.
<b>Fiscal</b>	Advocate for an annual budget line item for ADA Compliance in the City Budget and assist in the preparation and presentation of budget requests in accordance with city code.
<b>Advocacy</b>	Promote the mission of the Board within the community. Advocate for ADA Compliance and best practices for all ages and abilities with legislators and local businesses.
<b>Meetings</b>	Participate in all advisory board meetings. Report on ADAAB and ADAAB activities to City Council once each month at their meetings.

## **GOALS**

1. Prepare and Review ADA Transition Plans for adoption by City Council.
  - a. Includes annual review during the first quarter and updates to previously adopted Transition Plans.
2. Advocate for ADA Compliance within City Projects
  - a. Advocate for a budget that is sufficient to address compliance issues outlined in the adopted transition plan(s) on an acceptable progress level that expresses the commitment Council made by adoption of Resolution 17-075(A) to become a universally accessible city to all and to maintain compliance.
  - b. Review needs for physical upkeep and efficiencies.
  - c. Review City project, development, and renovation plans and provide feedback on barrier removal and accessibility accommodation.
  - d. Promote future funding of ADA needs.
    - i. Current Capital Improvement Plan Projects-
      1. City Hall Access Barrier Removal Project
      2. Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Ramp and Fishing Platform Project
      3. Homer Public Library Parking Lot Improvement Project (title subject to change)
      4. Parking and Pavement Accessibility Barriers at City Facilities Project
      5. Homer Harbor Ramp Accessibility Platform Lift

3. Actively Advocate for ADA compliance and access to all ages and abilities best practices for City facilities, programs, policies and services in accordance with Title I and Title II of the ADA and based on universal design principles.
  - a. Advocate updating Homer City Code to include a Section for Building Code
  - b. Advocate for the Development, Creation and Funding of a Building Inspector position that would require knowledge of ADA and ABA requirements.
4. Explore opportunities to increase and improve service to all community members, especially students and underrepresented user-groups.

### **DUTIES OF THE BOARD & STAFF**

#### Boardmembers

- Attend City Council meetings as assigned.
- Attend worksessions and training opportunities.
- Come to meetings prepared to take action through motions, or ask staff before the meeting for more information.
- Communicate with City Council members to gain support on ADA-related projects that need sponsorship at the Council level.

#### Staff Liaison

- Aid the Chair in setting the agenda.
- Compile packet material from boardmembers, write backup memos, and submit to City Manager.
- Provide information on items the board needs to review annually.
- Inform the board of City Council actions and discussion of ADA-related issues.

#### Clerk's Office

- Track yearly items such as reappointments and election of officers.
- Advertise any seat vacancies and process new appointment applications.
- Help the board learn to be more efficient and effective in their meetings.
- Support the board's ability to communicate with the Mayor and City Council (through Memorandums, Resolutions, and Ordinances).



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## Memorandum

TO: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
FROM: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager  
DATE: March 18, 2026  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for March 23, 2026 Council Meeting

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### **New Police Chief Sworn In**

On March 19<sup>th</sup> Officer Michael Scanlon was sworn in as Homer's Police Chief, and it was Chief Robl's last day of official service to the City. Chief Robl has served the Homer Police Department well over his 42 years with the department. Chief Scanlon brings his vast experience of police work into his new role with 28 years of experience with the Bellingham, Washington Police Department before moving to Homer in 2023. Chief Scanlon will be out and about in the community and if you get the chance to meet him, be sure to say hello. I think you'll agree that he will continue to lead our Police Department in a positive way.

### **Comprehensive Plan Adopted**

On March 17<sup>th</sup> the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly unanimously approved the adoption of the 2045 Homer Comprehensive Plan. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the process to create an inspiring vision for Homer's future. In next steps, City staff will be updating the City website, printing hard copies, and updating relevant forms and applications.

### **Raw Water Transmission Main Replacement Project - Construction to Begin**

I'm pleased to report that construction is set to begin April 1 on the Raw Water Transmission Main Replacement project. This \$2.2 million FEMA-funded project replaces approximately 4,000 linear feet of 50-year old, earthquake-vulnerable cast iron pipe that carries water from the pump house at Bridge Creek Reservoir to the water treatment plant with seismically resilient HDPE pipe. The project also includes installing fiber optic line to upgrade the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communications system that provides real-time monitoring and remote control of the facilities and their processes. South Central Construction will install the new main using an open-trench method parallel to the existing main. The old main will remain in service until the new main is operational. Customers should not experience water service disruptions during construction. The City will provide timely updates should any changes to the construction plan occur.

This project was made possible through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which helps communities reduce long-term risks to public infrastructure from natural disasters. These funds became available after a federal disaster declaration was approved for the November 30, 2018 earthquake in Alaska, so this marks a significant milestone after years of planning and award obligation negotiations with FEMA. We are excited to see this critical infrastructure project finally move toward the finish line. I extend thanks to our staff members and staff at the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management who have worked

diligently over the years to bring this project to fruition, as well as our agency partners at FEMA who made the project possible. Construction is expected to be completed by October 2026.

### **HERC Cleanup - Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) Public Comment Period Opens March 27<sup>th</sup>**

The City, working in partnership with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, recently completed a draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC). The ABCA provides information about hazardous materials (HBM) at the property and evaluates cleanup alternatives. The goal is to choose a remediation option to address HBM and support future redevelopment of this brownfield property.

DEC was in town February 12<sup>th</sup> for a community meeting to discuss results of their HBM survey and soil analysis and to provide an overview of the report's cleanup alternatives. Now, the City is seeking public comment on the ABCA draft before it is finalized. A 30-day public comment period will open March 27, 2026 and close at 5 pm April 24, 2026. Staff will be providing public notice through local media outlets, the City website <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/> and social media [@cityofhomerak](https://twitter.com/cityofhomerak), fliers, etc. A digital copy of the ABCA is available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields/assessment-cleanup/dbac-projects/homer-herc-abca/>. Printed copies will be available at City Hall and Homer Public Library by March 27<sup>th</sup>. DEC will collect public comments through its Public Notices web portal and by email and will respond to pertinent comments collected during the public comment period. The finalized ABCA will be posted on DEC's Brownfields web page and on the City of Homer's HERC webpage.

We appreciate working with DEC through their DEC Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup (DBAC) program to complete this planning and look forward to continuing our productive relationship once a cleanup alternative is selected.

### **City Surplus Sale is Open**

Back in January, I let you know that we would be transitioning to Public Surplus for the City's surplus sales. The first Surplus sale auctions are going live on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and will run for three weeks through Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit <https://publicsurplus.com/sms/list/current?orgid=60507> to see the City's active listings and learn more."

### **HERC Gym Floor Progress Report**

The contractors who are refinishing the HERC gym floor are wrapping up repairing and sanding the gym floor wood. Next steps include adding the first coat of finish, then painting lines (on Thursday) and finally installing the final multi coatings over the weekend. Once all that is completed the floor needs at least a week to dry and cure. Public Works has been providing additional heat to help keep the gym warm and dry for the curing process. It looks like we're on track to re-open on the scheduled March 30<sup>th</sup> if all goes well and will get messaging out if any delays come up.



### **City Hall Heat**

Just a quick heads-up if you're planning a visit to City Hall—be sure to bundle up. The building may feel a bit chilly right now, as one of our two boilers is out of service due to a failed part. Our Building Maintenance team has been working to locate a replacement, which has been challenging given the boiler's age and the fact that the part is no longer in production. The good news is that the part has been sourced, repairs are expected to remain within budget and will move forward as soon as the part arrives. Looking ahead, it would be wise to begin planning for a full boiler replacement in the coming years to avoid future disruptions.

### **Tax Foreclosure Purchase**

Council authorized Ordinance 26-14, appropriating funds to purchase a tax-foreclosure property at the south end of Mattox Road. Before the City could complete the transaction, the prior owner paid the delinquent taxes and will regain title. Although this is rare in staff's experience, the prior owner retains a right of redemption for a significant portion of the foreclosure process, and it can take up to ten years to obtain clear title.

### **City Initiated Special Assessment District**

City Administration has a working group consisting of staff from Planning, Public Works, the Port (as needed), and myself. The group meets weekly to discuss department projects and private development activity that may impact City infrastructure and operations. One issue recently highlighted is the approximately 360-foot section of East Fairview Avenue that had been blocked by boulders for several years. See the dotted line section in the photo below. These boulders were recently removed to allow a property owner access to their lot for home construction. Since then, two different property owners along this stretch have contacted Public Works with questions about improving the road to enhance access to their properties. They were informed about the Special Assessment District (SAD) process; however, no applicants have pursued forming a SAD.

Through our internal discussions, staff sees benefits to the City in constructing this portion of Fairview Avenue as a gravel road built to City standards. Completing this connection between East Fairview Avenue and Kachemak Way would provide a safer and more functional roadway network. It would create an opportunity to install stop signs at the intersection, establishing an all-way stop and improving pedestrian safety for those crossing Kachemak Way. Additionally, constructing the road would support more efficient winter and summer maintenance operations. Incomplete road segments are labor-intensive, difficult for equipment to maneuver, and ultimately more costly for the City to maintain. Building out this roadway section would improve access, safety, and long-term maintenance efficiency. For these reasons, I will be working with staff on a resolution to bring to Council requesting initiation of a SAD for Council's consideration.



**Attachment:**  
HERC Cleanup - ABCA Public Comment Period Flyer



## -- PUBLIC NOTICE --



**The City of Homer and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
solicit public comments on the draft  
Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives report  
for the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC)**

### **Public Notice**

The City of Homer and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation invite members of the public to provide comments on a Draft Analysis of Brownfield Alternatives (ABCA) report for the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) property located at 450 Sterling Highway in Homer, Alaska (parcel number 17510070). The Draft ABCA report was prepared by BGES, contractors procured by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. It provides information about hazardous building materials present at the property and evaluates cleanup options to address HBM and support future redevelopment of this brownfield property.

**The Public Comment period on the Draft ABCA is open  
from March 27 until 5:00 pm April 24, 2026.**

- The public can review the ABCA at DEC's HERC ABCA webpage: <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields/assessment-cleanup/dbac-projects/homer-herc-abca/> or in hard copy at the following locations:
- Homer Public Library, 500 Hazel Avenue, Homer Alaska
- City Clerk's Office, Homer City Hall, 491 E Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska



### **Property Information**

The HERC site is approximately 4.3 acres and has two buildings. HERC 2 is the smaller building and was abandoned after it was deemed unsafe. HERC 1 is the larger building and is still in use. The gymnasium and activity room on the lower level are currently host Community Recreation activities and programs; the upper-level hosts office space, surplus storage, equipment storage and workshop space for the Public Works Department. These buildings were constructed in the 1950's. Typical building materials from the construction era, including asbestos, lead-based paint, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), are present in the buildings and require remediation.

### **Submit Public Comment**

The public may submit comments in writing from March 27 to 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026 as outlined below.

- Via DEC's HERC ABCA webpage • At <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/public-comments?nodeId=43000>
- Or by email to [Flannery.ballard@alaska.gov](mailto:Flannery.ballard@alaska.gov).

DEC will respond to pertinent comments collected during the public comment period for the ABCA using public notice/comment system.