

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
RESOLUTION 23-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALEUTIAN PRIBILOF ISLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC. (APIA) AND THE CITY OF SELDOVIA ACCEPTING PLACEMENT OF A VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER IN THE COMMUNITY PROVIDED BY APIA AND COMPLYING WITH 13 ACC 96.050 CHAPTERS AND WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 81 of the Thirty Second Legislature expanded the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program, allowing municipalities with populations less than 10,000 to participate in partnerships with a State-recognized grantee; and

WHEREAS, The powers and duties of a VPSO include the protection of life and property in the state including fire prevention and suppression, provision of emergency medical services, participation in and coordination of search and rescue efforts for missing and injured persons, conducting investigations, enforcing the criminal laws and statutes or ordinances of the state or a municipality, providing local training programs on public safety, powers usually and customarily exercised by a peace officer, and providing pretrial/probation/parole supervision to persons under supervision by communicating with and monitoring the activities and progress of these persons at the direction of pretrial services/probation/and parole officers; and

WHEREAS, Seldovia City Council amended its priorities for the Calendar Year 2022 to make “Securing a Village Public Safety Officer” a top priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seldovia has been approved by the State of Alaska to receive one VPSO, and as it currently stands there may be enough budget authority to bring two VPSOs to Seldovia; and

WHEREAS, There are 10 grantees that currently partner with the State to offer the VPSO Program, including 8 tribal nonprofit grantees, 1 borough grantee, and 1 private corporation grantee; and

WHEREAS, The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) is a grantee participating in the VPSO program that has experience supporting VPSOs located in remote communities; and

WHEREAS, APIA would like to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the City of Seldovia. The agreement acknowledges the City accepts the placement of a VPSO in Seldovia and will comply with the 13 AAC 96.050 chapters and with applicable state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, The City is not obligated to provide financial or other resources to the VPSO however it is in the best interest of the City to allow VPSOs to use office space at the Andy Anderson Police Station and, if budget allows, provide a monthly living stipend to support the quality of life and retention of this important position; and

WHEREAS, While it will be a cost savings measure if the City utilizes the VPSO program to provide law enforcement services, the City of Seldovia may still maintain its own local law enforcement. Accepting a VPSO in Seldovia does not preclude the City’s ability to hire its own law enforcement personnel at any time; and

WHEREAS, VPSOs in Seldovia may enhance the quality of life of the community at no required expense to the City and increase public safety for the entire community regarding law enforcement, emergency response, fire and wildlife support, and other beneficial impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Seldovia approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. (APIA) and the City of Seldovia accepting placement of a Village Public Safety Officer in the community provided by APIA and complying with 13 ACC 96.050 chapters and with applicable state and federal law and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia on this 26th day of September, 2022.

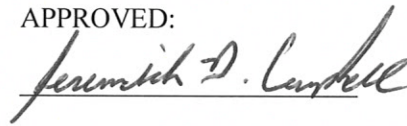
ATTEST:



Heidi Geagel, City Clerk



APPROVED:



Jeremiah Campbell, Mayor