

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 24-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A FIREARMS
PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM, AND FOR RELATED
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough implements the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program through annual grants with the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS: in 2014, the Alaska Legislature unanimously amended Alaska Statutes to authorize VPSOs to carry handguns following the fatal shooting of an unarmed VPSO in Manokotak; and

WHEREAS: under AS 18.65.678, a VPSO may not, except in an emergency, carry a firearm in the performance of the officer's duties until the officer has successfully completed: (1) a basic firearms training program that is certified by the Alaska Police Standards Council or substantially similar training as determined by the department; (2) a psychological examination conducted by a mental health professional; and (3) all annual firearm qualification requirements; and

WHEREAS: to meet these requirements, the Borough's Public Safety Department has been undertaking careful review and preparation to arm its VPSOs; and


WHEREAS: arming VPSOs will help protect VPSOs, make communities safer, and aide overall law enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS: the Assembly desires to ensure the safety and well-being of Borough residents in all of its communities; and

WHEREAS: the Assembly wishes to approve the Firearm Procedure Manual in order to establish a comprehensive framework to arm Borough VPSOs.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY: the Borough approves the Northwest Arctic Borough Firearm Procedure Manual in substantially the same form as accompanies this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

