

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIANNE BLUMER OF NAVIGATE AK, DBA BLUMER & ASSOCIATES, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City Council has determined it is beneficial to the City of Unalaska to retain a lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, the existing Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer of Blumer & Associates will expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska wishes to retain Dianne Blumer to perform the duties of Lobbyist as directed by the City of Unalaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes the Interim City Manager to extend the Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer, Blumer & Associates, for an additional term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a fee of \$71,000 plus reasonable expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on June 9, 2026.

  
Thomas D. Bell  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Estkarien P. Magdaong, CMC  
City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager  
Date: June 9, 2026  
Re: Resolution 2026-33: Authorizing the Interim City Manager to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer of Navigate AK, dba Blumer & Associates, for an additional term

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**SUMMARY:** State lobbyist Dianne Blumer’s contract with the City expires on June 30, 2026. Ms. Blumer submitted a letter of interest on April 7, 2026, expressing her desire to continue representing the City for FY27. She has not requested an increase in her fee. Resolution 2026-33 authorizes the Interim City Manager to extend the Professional Services Agreement for an additional one-year term. Staff recommends approval.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council adopted Resolution 2025-38 on June 10, 2025, authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for FY26 in the amount of \$71,000 plus reasonable expenses. The proposed FY27 budget includes the same amount for state lobbying services, along with an allocation for reasonable expenses.

**BACKGROUND:** Dianne Blumer has served as the City’s state lobbyist since FY19. Her firm now operates as Navigate AK, doing business as Blumer & Associates. Over the past nine years, Ms. Blumer has developed a deep understanding of Unalaska’s priorities, challenges, and legislative needs. She maintains strong bipartisan relationships within the Alaska State Legislature and the Executive Branch, including the Governor’s Office and Cabinet.

Her advocacy has supported numerous City priorities, and her annual fly-ins to Unalaska have helped advance key projects under consideration by the Governor and Legislature. Ms. Blumer’s experience, institutional knowledge, and established relationships continue to provide significant value to the City.

The table below summarizes the history of compensation for state lobbying services:

| YEAR         | FEES                 | EXPENSES            | TOTAL                |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| FY19         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$250.00            | \$ 71,250.00         |
| FY20         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$1,602.08          | \$ 72,602.08         |
| FY21         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$250.00            | \$ 71,250.00         |
| FY22         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$1,206.00          | \$ 72,206.00         |
| FY23         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$250.00            | \$ 71,250.00         |
| FY24         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$3,893.56          | \$ 74,893.56         |
| FY25         | \$ 71,000.00         | \$3,169.29          | \$ 74,169.29         |
| FY26         | \$71,000.00          | \$1,615.89          | \$72,615.89          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$ 568,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 12,236.82</b> | <b>\$ 582,520.93</b> |

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Blumer's letter of interest confirms her desire to continue serving as the City's state lobbyist for FY27. She has not requested an increase in her fee, and the proposed contract extension maintains the existing annual rate of \$71,000 plus reasonable expenses.

Given her long-standing service, strong performance, and deep understanding of Unalaska's legislative priorities, staff believes that extending the agreement for an additional term is in the City's best interest.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Council may:

- Renew the lobbying contract at the current level (recommended)
- Recommend an increase to the base compensation rate or a cost-of-living adjustment
- Decline to enter into a lobbying agreement

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The FY27 budget includes \$71,000 for state lobbying services, along with an amount for reasonable expenses. No budget adjustment is required.

**LEGAL:** None needed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2026-33

**PROPOSED MOTION:** This item is included on the Consent Agenda and will be included in the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. If the item is moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion, the suggested motion is to move to adopt Resolution 2026-33.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Letter of Interest – Blumer & Associates
- Modification of PSA – Blumer & Associates



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April 7, 2026

Mayor Vince Tutiakoff  
City of Unalaska  
P O Box 610  
Unalaska, Alaska 99865

Subject: Letter of Interest for FY2026/2027 Lobbying Contract

Dear Mayor Tutiakoff,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm and submit a Letter of Interest for the FY2026/2027 lobbying contract to represent the City of Unalaska. It has been a distinct privilege for NavigateAK to work alongside you, the City Manager, and the dedicated staff over the past years.

Continuing our advocacy for the essential projects and priorities of your community would be an honor. Our past collaborations have resulted in notable successes, and as we look toward the future, it is crucial to explore new avenues for enhancing the City of Unalaska. Our effectiveness is rooted in deep knowledge of relevant issues, strong relationships with stakeholders, and a comprehensive understanding of proposed projects that will benefit the community. I believe that our annual fly-ins to Unalaska have significantly advanced key projects under consideration by the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature.

As the Principal of NavigateAK, I bring thirty-four years of cumulative experience working with both the Alaska State Legislature and the Executive Branch, in addition to recent direct advocacy for local governmental entities. I have nurtured strong relationships with the Governor and his Cabinet, along with bipartisan connections with members of both the House and Senate, including leadership from both political factions.

NavigateAK possesses the essential bipartisan professional relationships necessary to champion your priorities and concerns effectively. My extensive service to the City of Unalaska over the past nine years has afforded me valuable insights into various local issues and pivotal legislative goals. I am well-acquainted with the complexities of local government priorities related to essential legislative matters.

With integrity, professionalism, and a thorough understanding of the legislative advocacy process, I am confident in my ability to continue to represent the City of Unalaska effectively. I look forward to the prospect of continuing our collaboration and furthering our efforts to advocate for the needs and aspirations of your vibrant community.

Thank you for considering our Letter of Interest. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how we can continue our partnership in advocating for the future of Unalaska.

Sincerely,

Dianne Blumer  
President  
Navigate AK

**MODIFICATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This modification is made to that certain agreement dated June 6, 2018, between the City of Unalaska (hereinafter designated as "City") and Blumer & Associates, hereinafter designated as "Consultant". The Professional Services Agreement is modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is extended for an additional term effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. The total payment under this Agreement shall not exceed \$71,000, plus reasonable expenses.
3. Payment for services to Consultant shall be as follows:

| DATE              | AMOUNT          |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| July 1, 2026      | \$1,775.00      |
| August 1, 2026    | \$1,775.00      |
| September 1, 2026 | \$1,775.00      |
| October 1, 2026   | \$1,775.00      |
| November 1, 2026  | \$1,775.00      |
| December 1, 2026  | \$1,775.00      |
| January 1, 2027   | \$14,200.00     |
| February 1, 2027  | \$14,200.00     |
| March 1, 2027     | \$14,200.00     |
| April 1, 2027     | \$14,200.00     |
| May 1, 2027       | \$1,775.00      |
| June 1, 2027      | \$1,775.00      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$71,000</b> |

**CITY OF UNALASKA**

**BLUMER & ASSOCIATES**

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Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager

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Dianne Blumer

STATE OF ALASKA    )  
                                  ) ss.  
Third Judicial District    )

STATE OF ALASKA    )  
                                  ) ss.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2026 by Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager for the City of Unalaska, a First Class Alaska Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the City of Unalaska.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2026, by Dianne Blumer on behalf of Blumer & Associates.

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Notary Public, State of Alaska  
Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_