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Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

# *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

# RESOLUTION #02-12

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BETHEL RECYCLING CENTER'S RECYCLED FIRE LOG PROJECT AND COMMITTING TO ITS SUSTAINABILITY

**WHEREAS,** In the past, two attempts have been made to develop a comprehensive system to manage Bethel's recyclable waste, and after studying the two previous systems, it's obvious that the most difficult task in developing Bethel's recycling program is to ensure its sustainability, and;

**WHEREAS,** The Bethel VISTA Recycling Coordinator has planned out a project that would recycle paper and cardboard into fire logs for resale, and;

**WHEREAS,** This recycling project will target the material that makes up the largest part of the landfill—paper and cardboard, and;

**WHEREAS,** By developing a product for resale from recycling efforts, the program will have funds for sustainability, and;

**WHEREAS,** With sustainability comes a need for the City to commit to the project to ensure the continued operation, and;

**WHEREAS,** The VISTA Recycling Coordinator has mapped out the project including securing grant monies for the needed equipment and securing a VISTA volunteer for FY03, and;

**WHEREAS,** The Bethel Recycling Center requests that the City commit to add an unfunded Solid Waste Coordinator in the FY03 budget, and commit to fund that position in FY04—provided grant monies are used for the equipment, and;

**WHEREAS,** The Solid Waste Coordinator would work to operate and improve the production and sale of fire logs, establish a comprehensive system of curbside recycling for the City, work to institute measures designed to maximize the effective life of the Bethel's landfill, and design and implement environmental education programs, and;

**WHEREAS,** This recyclable log project is one step in the City's continuing effort to develop and implement a comprehensive, solid waste plan.

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**WHEREAS**, This recyclable log project will generate revenue that will be used to fund the Solid Waste Coordinator position for the Bethel Recycling Center, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Bethel Recycling Center's recycling project and commits to the following:

- Create a line item account for the recycling center's profits that will be used to sustain the Bethel Recycling Center, and;
- Create an unfunded line item for a Solid Waste Coordinator in the FY03, with the intention of funding the position in FY04.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL 2002, by a unanimous voice vote.**

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk