



# CITY OF BETHEL

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## RESOLUTION #723

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED RULE (40 CFR Part 230) TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FROM THE WETLANDS MITIGATION SEQUENCE FOR PROPOSED DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL INTO WETLANDS IN STATES WITH LESS THAN ONE PERCENT LOSS OF HISTORIC WETLANDS ACREAGE.

WHEREAS, using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers definition, most all undeveloped lands within the City of Bethel are considered wetlands; and

WHEREAS, there is very little developable non-wetland areas available in the City of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, most of the land within the City of Bethel municipal boundary is considered wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has no alternatives for development within the municipal boundary; and

WHEREAS, due to the current definition of wetlands, the federal government is involved in every local land use planning decision at the local level; and

WHEREAS, federal regulators located almost 2,000 miles from Bethel are making these local land use planning decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, to support the EPA proposed rule known as (40 CFR Part 230), Exception from Wetlands Mitigation Sequence for Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

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James H. Feaster III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jane Elam, City Clerk