

CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: City Manager Hunter
Date: February 14, 1995
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #95-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING H.B. 20, A BILL PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF TIDELANDS TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, upon becoming a state, Alaska authorized all first class and home rule cities to receive all tidelands within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the right to receive such tidelands was never extended to unified municipalities, second class cities, or to boroughs of any class, nor to any cities that reclassified as first class or home rule after April 1, 1964; and

WHEREAS, all coastal municipalities have similar needs for tidelands to give them the tools needed to encourage, control and ensure the responsible development of tidelands within their boundaries and to ensure that such development is consistent and coordinated with other developments and needs of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently will convey an interest in tidelands only through a lease; and

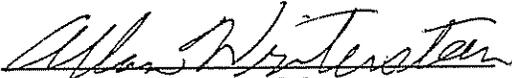
WHEREAS, obtaining a tidelands lease from the State of Alaska is a cumbersome, lengthy process and the leases often require the posting of a performance bond that costs the municipality more in annual premiums than the fair market annual rent for the tidelands, create an unnecessary ongoing relationship with the State with respect to the tidelands parcel, and impose other unreasonable burdensome requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipalities, as well as the State of Alaska, have a duty to ensure that the use of their lands, including tidelands, are in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, it would be equitable and in the public interest for the State of Alaska to convey to boroughs and cities that have not received their tidelands under AS 38.05.820 (formerly AS 38.05.320) tidelands that are needed or have been identified as appropriate for public or private development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bethel City Council that it supports House Bill 20 requiring the expedited conveyance to municipalities of tidelands leased to municipalities and those that are appropriate or needed for development, and urges its passage by the Alaska State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1995.


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Tucker, City Clerk