

Introduced by: Council Member Hippler
Date: July 27, 2010
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Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL STATING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED POSTAL HUB IN CHEVAK OR HOOPER BAY

WHEREAS, the bypass mail system is integral to the support of far flung villages served by Bethel;

WHEREAS, the Rural Services Improvement Act (RSIA) strongly subsidized passenger traffic between villages and service hubs such as Bethel;

WHEREAS, if the bypass mail link between Bethel and Chevak/Hooper Bay region is broken, under RSIA the incentive for providing passenger service between those areas is also eliminated;

WHEREAS, people from the Chevak/Hooper Bay region depend upon Bethel for medical services, legal advice, and numerous other services;

WHEREAS, those people from the Chevak/Hooper Bay region require affordable transportation to access those service;

WHEREAS, the airport of Bethel is the third busiest airport in the State of Alaska in number of takeoff and landings;

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of all bypass mail that is processed through the Bethel airport is destined for the Chevak/Hooper Bay region;

WHEREAS, numerous industrious workers in the transportation industry are supported by the bypass mail system of shipping goods in a safe and timely manner to the Chevak/Hooper Bay region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council opposes the institution of a new postal hub in Chevak or Hooper Bay because of the increased costs that will be incurred by people traveling from that area to Bethel for services such as medical or legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bethel opposes the institution of a new postal hub in Chevak or Hooper Bay because of the destabilizing

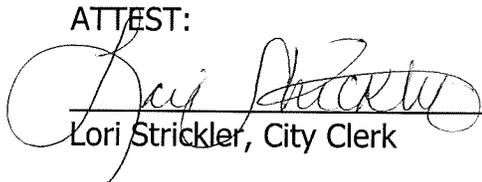
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effect that such a new hub would inflict upon the transportation industry in the entire Kuskokwim Delta.

ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY 2010 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk