

Introduced by: Council Member Robb
Date: February 9, 2010
Action: Failed
Vote: 1-6

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-08

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BETHEL ENCOURAGING OUR LEGISLATURES
BOB HERRON AND LYMAN HOFFMAN TO PROPOSE, SUPPORT AND
ENCOURAGE THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO TAKE UP CHANGES IN ALASKA
STATUTE TO END THESE ONEROUS REGULATIONS REGARDING LOCAL
OPTION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ABOLISHING THE DATABASE OF
ALCOHOL PURCHASES AND SHIPMENTS TO COMMUNITIES UNDER
LOCAL OPTION**

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel voted to "opt out" of local option due in part to objections of state applied statutes to citizens of local communities without their consent;

WHEREAS, many people stated the Alaska statutes regarding local option communities give citizens of local option communities onerous regulations prohibiting their personal freedom that are not applicable to citizens who live in other parts of the state;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel have stated they want more local control over decisions regarding alcohol;

WHEREAS, in recent public hearings, many people of Bethel have expressed frustration at the state statutes;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel will vote May 4, 2010 in regards to going back under local option;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel voted January 19, 2009, in a special advisory vote, they did not approve of any types of liquor licenses for Bethel;

WHEREAS, the alcohol database has been ineffective in preventing the crime of selling alcohol without a license "bootlegging";

WHEREAS, the alcohol database has not been available to local law enforcement;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Bethel City Council encourages our legislators Bob Herron and Lyman Hoffman to propose and support; and encourages the Alaska Legislature; to take up changes in Alaska Statute to end these onerous regulations regarding local option communities including but not limited to, abolish the database of alcohol purchases and shipments to local options communities (AS 04.06.095).

ENACTED THIS _ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010, BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk