

Presented by: Council Member Tad Miller  
Date: October 26, 1993  
Action: Failed  
Vote: 1-yes; 5-no

**RESOLUTION #93-43**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE MUNICIPAL OPTIONS ADDRESSING THE ALCOHOL ISSUE**

**WHEREAS**, people abuse alcohol resulting in tremendous human suffering which affects our entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, the current "damp" status Bethel now has makes alcohol available to virtually all citizens through an illegal market; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxable income Bethel could be acquiring continues to evade City coffers; and

**WHEREAS**, by preventing a local city-run liquor store to collect tax on these sales we support outlaw merchants while denying City services which would otherwise exist; and

**WHEREAS**, we spend a third of the City budget on law enforcement, yet at least 80% of police calls concern situations in which intoxication is a factor; and

**WHEREAS**, the population in Bethel is growing at a fantastic rate; and

**WHEREAS**, we are in a position to facilitate solutions to the tax crisis in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens opposed the non-local taxing ballot question in the last election; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing from nothing comes nothing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Bethel City Council by this resolution hereby is:

1. creating a 10 person Citizen Task Force, appointed by the Mayor, to consider through public hearings, our options in pursuing Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes, the "local option" law, specifically Option #3, Prohibition of Sale, Except by Community Liquor License;
2. forming a service for transporting drunks as a service through the Police Department as a cost-saving measure

which will free the police to address other community needs; and

3. recommending ways the City can work in cooperation with social service agencies to help people suffering from alcoholism.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1993.

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Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk