

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager

Date: October 27, 2009

Action: Passed

Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 09-46

City of Bethel Resolution requesting the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC) not grant any liquor license in the city limits of Bethel for at least the full 90 day time limit for making a decision on any liquor license application

WHEREAS: The Bethel City Council has a vested interest in the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bethel;

WHEREAS: The City of Bethel on October 6, 2009, voted out of local option by 54%/46%; (615/523 votes, a 92 vote margin of 1138 votes cast);

WHEREAS: The preponderance of persons who sponsored the petition to opt out of local option stated they did not want liquor licenses in Bethel, but instead removal of alcohol purchase registries and onerous and arbitrary regulations regarding import of liquor into Bethel;

WHEREAS: Bethel has excessively high rates of alcohol related arrests, injuries and deaths;

WHEREAS: Bethel is the hub community for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, which also has excessively high rates of alcohol related arrests, injuries and deaths;

WHEREAS: The Citizens Coalition for NO Sales is in full support of a resolution asking the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to use the full 90 day time limit before making a decision on any liquor license application within the city limits of Bethel."

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council requests that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board not grant any liquor licenses within the City limits of Bethel for at least the full 90 day time limit, for the purposes

- a) of evaluating the results of the current removal of local option,
- b) to allow time to enact ordinances to mitigate any effects that opting out of local option may have within the City of Bethel and the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region, and
- c) To allow time to a special ballot measure to be submitted to the citizens of Bethel regarding their desires regarding granting of liquor licenses.

ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor