

# CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 388 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

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## RESOLUTION # 624 '8)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL OPPOSING INCREASED FEES FOR THE USE OF RURAL AIRPORTS IN ALASKA.

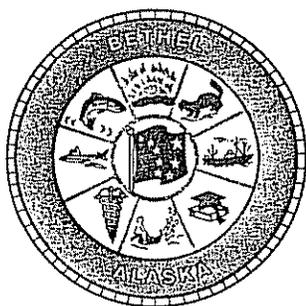
WHEREAS, on July 21, 1988, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities issued the Rural Airport Rates and Fees Report which proposes to both increase land rents charged by DOT and implement a number of other fees for rural airport users, including a landing and departure fee for passengers and cargo; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature included intent language in the FY 88 budget directing DOT to institute these fees, however the money needed for implementation was deleted from DOT's FY 89 budget, which showed the legislature's intent to halt the rate and fee increase; and

WHEREAS, while rural airports are not self-sufficient, neither are the highway system or the marine highway system and as opposed to those communities served by marine highways or the road system, for rural Alaska air transportation is the only mode of year round transportation available; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living in the rural communities is the highest in the State and per capita income is the lowest; and

WHEREAS, any increase in air transportation costs would be passed on to the consumers and would severely restrict the development of economic opportunities in the area of the State which has the greatest need.



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Bethel opposes the implementation of increased fees for Alaska's rural airports and respectfully requests Governor Steve Cowper and the Alaska State Legislature to oppose and block any increase in fees at rural airports.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1988.

by Clara Kelly  
Clara Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna McGowan  
Anna McGowan, City Clerk

by hank A. Wolf

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

HEADQUARTERS — DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT & FINANCE  
STATEWIDE LEASING COORDINATOR — AIRPORTS AND HARBORS

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99519-6900  
(TELEX 25-185) (907) 266-1663

December 23, 1988

Re: Rural Airport Rates  
& Fees Project

Ms. Clara Kelly, Mayor  
City of Bethel  
P.O. Box 388  
Bethel, Ak. 99559

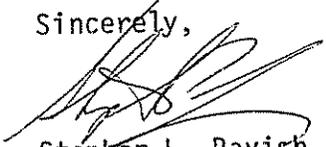
Dear Mayor Kelly,

We are in the process of compiling all of the written comments and public testimony we received during the public hearing phase of the Rural Airport Rates and Fees Project. At this time, we would like to formally acknowledge our receipt of City of Bethel Resolution No. 624, dated November 15, 1988 expressing the city's opinions on the rents and fees proposed for State operated rural airports.

The resolution has been made a part of the hearing record and will be considered, along with all the other public comments, before the final rate decisions are made by the Commissioner.

Thank you for taking the time to communicate the city's position on this important subject in writing.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen L. Pavish  
Statewide Leasing Coordinator

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cc: Bob Bartholomew, Director, Management & Finance