



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Council Member Miller

Date: July 11, 1995

Action: Failed

Vote: 2-Yes, 5-No (Chris, Harding, McConas, Swanson, Wintersteen)

RESOLUTION #95-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S TWO YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO DELIVER MAIL BY HOVERCRAFT

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is proposing a two year demonstration program to deliver mail by hovercraft on a year-round basis to eight villages near Bethel; and

WHEREAS, mail is currently delivered daily, weather permitting, by plane, to each of the villages; and

WHEREAS, the program will siphon mail contract business away from existing air carriers; and

WHEREAS, economic opportunities are abysmally lacking in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region; and

WHEREAS, fewer mail runs to villages may impact passenger schedules; and

WHEREAS, the environmental effects resulting from hovercraft operations in sensitive natural corridors will disrupt the fragile eco-system; and

WHEREAS, the benefits in experimenting with hovercraft for mail delivery purposes is an example of attempting to fix what is not broken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bethel City Council that, while we applaud all efforts to improve government operations, we oppose the hovercraft program for mail services to the villages near Bethel,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council recommends that the government apply a portion of the hovercraft resources to repairing, equipping and staffing existing post offices in the region.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1995.

Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Tucker, City Clerk