

Introduced by: Council Member Williams
Date: October 28, 2008
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 08-26

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SECTION 511 OF THE TAX INCREASE PREVENTION AND RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2006 AND SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF S.777 H.R. 1023

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League is charged with developing statewide policy for the member Mayors; and

WHEREAS, Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-222) will require boroughs, cities and states to withhold 3% of payments from nearly all vendors and contractors for federal income tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, this federal income tax withholding provision will likely dampen competitive bidding, increase the cost of public sector procurement, as well as the burden on city and borough taxpayers; and

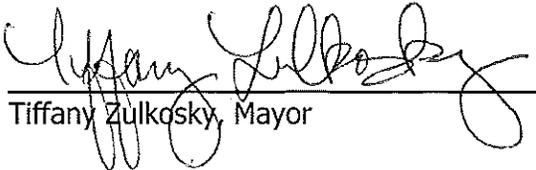
WHEREAS, while cities and boroughs do not fall under this mandate yet, it will most probably fall under it in the next few years, and

WHEREAS, complying with this law will be onerous for cities and boroughs, their vendors and their contractors; and

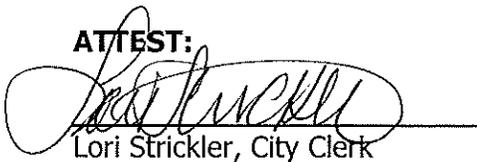
WHEREAS, in Alaska Municipal League's opinion, Section 511 will not accomplish its stated goal of closing the budget gap.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel City Council is opposed to Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2006 and supports passage of S. 777 and H.R. 1023.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2008, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk