

**RESOLUTION #666**

**OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RURAL AIRPORT SYSTEM RATES AND FEES**

WHEREAS, the Governor vetoed \$6.0 from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) budget for the Fiscal Year 1991; and

WHEREAS, in response, the DOT&PF initially proposed reduced maintenance at a number of rural airports, reduced road maintenance, and reduced ferry service as a means of meeting its reduced budget; and

WHEREAS, funding for road maintenance and ferry service has been restored and the administration has committed to seek a supplemental appropriation to cover these cuts; and

WHEREAS, only rural airports are still slated for user fee increases to cover DOT&PFs deficit; and

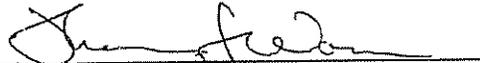
WHEREAS, the DOT&PF released the "Rural Airport System Proposed Rates and Fees" proposing increases for land and building rents and implementing a landing fee for certain rural Alaska airports including Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Budget and Audit (LB&A) Committee did not approve DOT&PFs request for approval to receive the additional revenue it expected to receive from the fee increases; and

WHEREAS, the LB&A stated that the issue should be addressed by the full Legislature and next administration for consideration of a supplemental appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bethel City Council supports the recommendation of the LB&A and respectfully requests that the DOT&PF, at a minimum, delay implementation of the rural airport system proposed rates and fees plan until the full Legislature and next administration have an opportunity to consider a supplemental appropriation for the Fiscal Year 1991.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1990.

  
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Tom Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Anna McGowan, City Clerk