

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Middlebrook  
Date: March 23, 2010  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 10-25**

#### **OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 340 (HB 340) IN THE 26<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE, WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF SALES TAX CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITIES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL, WHEN USED AS MOTOR FUEL ON ALASKA'S HIGHWAYS, TO \$0.08 PER GALLON**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statutes 29.45.650 provides for the municipalities to levy a sales tax for goods and services;

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 340 intends to limit the amount of sales tax charged for a gallon of fuel for vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, revenue from sales tax is relied upon to keep the basic services of the City functioning;

**WHEREAS**, HB340 would have a huge fiscal impact to the City of Bethel;

**WHEREAS**, passage of HB 340 will most likely force the City of Bethel to cut essential and basic services;

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2009 the majority of the people voting at the regular City of Bethel Election voted to maintain the sales tax rate of 6% therefore showing the citizens of Bethel are responsive to the need for increased revenue to the City and support the revenue stream from sales tax;

**WHEREAS**, if the City is required to minimize their revenue stream due to the passage of this bill, the community of Bethel will be faced with great hardship and the citizens of the community will feel the impact;

**WHEREAS**, HB340 Will place the duty of creating to create a multi tiered tax system upon the city and business within in the city with no benefit to business and a significantly reduced revenue stream for the City.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council opposes the passage of HB 340 in the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature which would limit the sales tax charged by municipalities on gasoline and diesel, when used as motor fuel on Alaska's highways, to \$0.08 per gallon.

**ENACTED THIS 23 DAY OF MARCH 2010 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk