

Introduced by: Mayor Zulkosky  
Vice-Mayor Leinberger  
Date: February 10, 2009  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 5-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 09-11**

**OPPOSING THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 85  
(CRA) "AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATION ON POSSESSING,  
SENDING, SHOPPING, TRANSPORTING, OR BRINGING ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES TO A LOCAL OPTION AREA AND TO PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION OF HOSE LIMITATIONS; RELATING TO PROBATION FOR  
MINOR CONSUMING OR IN POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; RELATING TO CIVIL FINES FOR LIQUOR  
LICENSEES WHOSE AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES FURNISH ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES TO A PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; AND  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY  
WRITTEN**

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 under the provisions of title 4 of the Alaska statutes a majority of the eligible voters within the City of Bethel voted themselves into local option to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages within City limits however alcohol could still be purchased in other areas and shipped in;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed limitations in the new legislation will only drive up the price of bootlegged alcohol and perpetuate the problem; while bootlegging is a major issue in rural Alaska, this is not the best avenue to combat the problem;

**WHEREAS**, only four of the nineteen communities with "damp" status (Barrow, Kotzebue, Saint Mary's Bethel) will be impacted;

**WHEREAS**, it is the community's option to regulate the alcohol within their community through a local option referendum, stricter alcohol limitation should also be established by a vote of the people within the communities affected by the change;

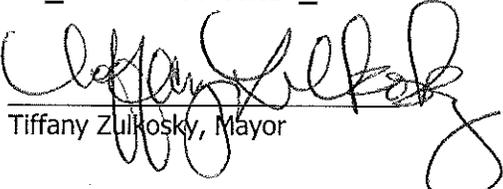
**WHEREAS**, whether it be through limitations on alcohol amounts purchased or possessed, establishing a dry community or opting out of local option completely;

**WHEREAS**, none of these actions should be taken without the majority of the community's vote, local option should be just that, the option of the local community, allow the people to choose the best method of improvement for their city;

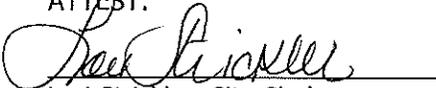
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bethel is hereby opposed to the Committee substitute for Senate Bill 85 (CRA); as it should be left up to the respective community to establish additional regulations if desired.

**ENACTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

  
Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk