

Introduced by: Council Member Robb
Date: February 9, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BETHEL ENCOURAGING OUR LEGISLATORS BOB HERRON AND LYMAN HOFFMAN TO PROPOSE, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO TAKE UP CHANGES IN ALASKA STATUTE TO ABOLISH STATUTES THAT LIMIT THE AMOUNT AND TIMING OF LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS IN A COMMUNITY IF THE COMMUNITY WANTS TO HAVE ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD MAKE THE LOCAL OPTION LAWS OF THE COMMUNITY MORE RESTRICTIVE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel voted to "opt out" of local option due in part to objections of state applied statutes to citizens of local communities without their consent;

WHEREAS, many people stated the Alaska statutes regarding local option communities give citizens of local option communities oppressive regulations prohibiting their personal freedom that are not applicable to citizens who live in other parts of the state;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel have stated they want more local control over decisions regarding alcohol;

WHEREAS, in recent public hearings, many people of Bethel have expressed frustration at the state statutes;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel will vote May 4, 2010 in regards to going back under local option;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel voted January 19, 2009, in a special advisory vote, they did not approve of any types of liquor licenses for Bethel;

WHEREAS, many citizens of Bethel have voiced frustration at inequitable statute regarding elections that favor "more restrictive" over "less restrictive";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Bethel City Council encourages our legislators Bob Herron and Lyman Hoffman to propose, support; and encourage the Alaska

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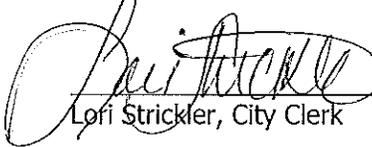
Legislature, to take up changes in Alaska Statute to end these oppressive regulations regarding local option communities including but not limited to:
Abolish statutes that limit the amount and timing of local option elections in a community if the community wants to have additional elections regardless of whether the proposed changes would make the local option laws of the community more restrictive or less restrictive. (AS 04.11.507 f)

ENACTED THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk