

Introduced by: Mayor Leinberger
Introduction Date: February 27, 2007
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #07-06

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 5207 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT A \$50.00 SURCHARGED ON ALL CONTAINERS PROCESSED AT THE PORT OF SEATTLE

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Bethel, Alaska depend upon barge service for a vast majority of the goods and supplies that are delivered to the various commercial outlets within the community;

WHEREAS, the only other means to supply Bethel and the surrounding villages is by air cargo service that is extremely expensive and unsuitable for many of the goods and supplies that are needed in this community;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the goods and supplies that reach the City of Bethel and the surrounding area by barge come through the Port of Seattle;

WHEREAS, similar to other communities in Western Alaska, citizens of the City of Bethel pay the highest prices in Alaska for basic and essential services that come to the City in containers on barges such as food, clothing, automobile parts, lumber, other building supplies as well as other life sustaining commodities;

WHEREAS, an additional \$100 for each container that is delivered to the Port of Bethel and returned to Seattle would have a serious impact on the cost of goods on all of the communities of Western Alaska that depend upon this service.

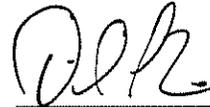
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bethel is hereby opposed to the proposed legislation that is known as SB 5207 and encourages the Legislature of the State of Washington to defeat SB 5207 as it would be a serious detriment and negative impact on the cost of goods and supplies to the citizens of the City of Bethel and the Yukon Kuskokwim region.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative; all members of the Alaska State Legislature; Paul Richards, City of Bethel Lobbyist; the Honorable Chris Gregoire, Governor of Washington; the Honorable
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Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor of Washington; all members of the Washington State Legislature.

ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk