

Introduced by: Council Member
Williams
Date: July 28, 2009
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Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #09-31

THE CITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE REQUEST FOR NECESSARY FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT UNINHABITABLE BETHEL FIRE STATION

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2009, the City of Bethel received a letter from the Division of Labor Standards and Safety, Occupational Safety and Health section providing instructions to investigate allegations of a safety and/or health hazard at the Fire Station, and to make any necessary correction or modifications to the facility;

WHEREAS, to correct the issues, the City of Bethel applied temporary reinforcements to rotten roof-trusses in the Apparatus Bay, and shoring has been installed in the Bunk-room ceiling, the floor of the Apparatus Bay was leveled and new laminated beams, floor joists and brackets were installed where appropriate to support the concrete slab, at a cost of \$168,000;

WHEREAS, following a structural engineering assessment dated July 17, 2009, provided by Bratslavsky Consulting Engineers, Inc. (BCE), the Bethel Fire Station was found to be "in a state of imminent danger of collapse, unsafe for occupancy, and is a significant threat to life and safety;"

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Station is currently unoccupied due to the hazard of collapse caused by excessive amounts of dry-rot to the infrastructure of the building, including but not limited to the ceiling trusses, load bearing wall studs, still plates and floor joists, beams and sheathing, pending condemnation, personnel are only allowed into the building for emergencies and the emergency response vehicles are parked outside, unprotected;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has an FY 2009 State of Alaska Legislative grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the replacement of the Fire Station however a 12,000 square foot facility to replace the existing structure is expected to cost \$7,800,120;

WHEREAS, to safeguard life and property, funding must be obtained immediately to design, construct, and occupy a new fire station project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports funding requests for the Bethel Fire Department replacement due to its uninhabitable structural state.

Be it further resolved that the City of Bethel has made the replacement of the Bethel Fire Department its number one priority for funding opportunities.

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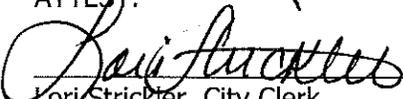
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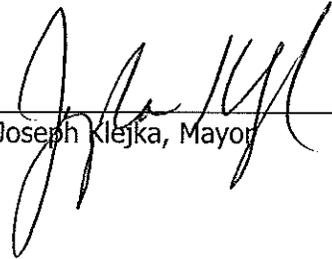
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**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF July 2009, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 IN
OPPOSITION.**

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Joseph Klejka, Mayor