

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution #13-22**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONSIDER THE OVERCROWDING, UNDERSTAFFING AND LACK OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE INMATES WHEN ESTABLISHING FUTURE BUDGETS**

**WHEREAS**, the Yukon Kuskokwim Correction Center (YKCC) is located in Bethel, Alaska and serves over 50 communities within the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta;

**WHEREAS**, the facility is a multi-function, state operated adult correctional institution built in 1984;

**WHEREAS**, upon initial completion, the facility was capable of housing 92 inmates, since 1984 the inmate capacity has more than doubled with a total capacity of 207 residents;

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately with the increase of inmates, the square footage of the building has not changed, requiring residents to be housed in the gym;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the inadequate space within the facility, the staffing to resident ratio is low compared to other facilities within the state;

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council recognizes the importance in working and living in a safe and healthy environment;

**WHEREAS**, the combination of overcrowding, low staffing and the lack of recreational activities for the inmates at the YKCC facility are significant health and safety issues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council encourages the State of Alaska, Department of Corrections to consider the environment within the Yukon Kuskokwim Correction Center when establishing future budgets, and to look for solutions to the overcrowding, understaffing and lack of recreational activities for the inmates before the environment within the facility worsens.

**ENACTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 2013, BY A VOTE OF \_ IN FAVOR AND \_ OPPOSED.**

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka  
Introduction Date: August 10, 2010  
Public Hearing:  
Action:  
Vote:

ATTEST:

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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk