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## *CITY OF BETHEL*

### **Resolution # 15-02**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ALASKA STATUTE 12.55.135**

**Whereas**, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135, Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors, establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

**Whereas**, Port and Harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

**Whereas**, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimums established in AS 12.55.135; and

**Whereas**, the City of Bethel desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135, Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors, which establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.