

Introduced by: Council Member Springer
Date: February 10, 2015
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #15-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the sharing of State revenues corresponds with the Owner State concept, whereby natural resources owned by the State belong to all Alaskan residents and should be routinely shared;

WHEREAS, the Community Revenue Sharing Program is used to distribute a portion of State revenues as a way to share its wealth with residence statewide;

WHEREAS, the Community Revenue Sharing Program is an essential source of revenue for Alaska's communities, both large and small;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel received \$387,340 in Community Revenue Sharing contributions in FY2014, an amount representing 3.8% of the City's budget;

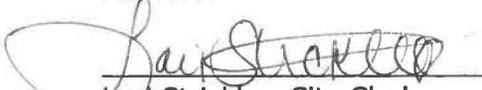
WHEREAS, defunding the Community Revenue Sharing Program will have a significant negative effect on the City's ability to provide essential services, potentially forcing the City to eliminate critical positions, reduce essential services to help make up for the economic hardship;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bethel currently pay 6% in sales tax, one of the highest sales tax rates in Alaska, which generated \$7,876,756 in FY14;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel supports the continued funding for the Community Revenue Sharing program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Richard Robb, Mayor