

Introduced by: Council Member Herman
Date: April 28, 2015
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 15-09

PROTESTING THE ISSUANCE OF A PACKAGE STORE LICENSE TO ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY AC VALUE CENTER OWNED BY NORTH WEST COMPANY INTERNATIONAL INC.; LICENSE ID #5388, LOCATED AT 135 RIDGECREST DRIVE, BETHEL, ALASKA

Whereas, the results of the Special Election held January 19, 2010 indicate that 287 voters favor and 498 oppose the issuance of package store liquor licenses in the community;

Whereas, the Alaska Commercial Store is located directly across the street from the Pentecostal Church where religious services are regularly conducted;

Whereas, Alaska Statute 04.11.410 prohibits the operation of a package store within 200 feet of a church building as measured by the shortest pedestrian route from the outer boundaries to the public entrance of the church;

Whereas, Bethel Municipal Code 5.08.011 prohibits a package store within 300 feet of church buildings, measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground, from the main parking lot entrance of the establishment in a straight line, regardless of obstructions to the nearest public sidewalk, walkway, street, road or highway by the nearest route, to the main entrance of the church building;

Whereas, the main parking lot entrance of the proposed package store is 102 feet from the entrance of the main entrance of the Pentecostal Church;

Whereas, at the March 24, 2015 Bethel City Council meeting, 43 people provided public testimony on potential sales of alcoholic beverages in the community, and 37 people spoke in opposition;

Whereas, in 2014 the Bethel Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Unit reported a majority of the calls for service were for individuals under the influence of alcohol;

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Whereas, Police Department figures for 2014 show the number of calls for "Intoxicated Pedestrians" to be 3,198 out of a total of 9,844 calls for the year, representing 32.49% of the total calls received by the department;

Whereas, the Police Dispatch Center reported a majority of their calls for service were alcohol related;

Whereas, the City protest stands based on the opposition of the people of Bethel, regardless of the presence or lack thereof of Bethel municipal Code or State Statute violations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bethel City Council for the reasons set forth above, the City of Bethel does hereby protest the application for the above identified package store liquor license and requires the City Clerk to send this resolution to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board before July 16, 2015.

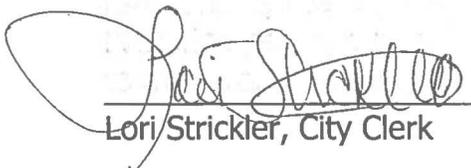
ENACTED THIS 24 DAY OF APRIL 2015, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.



Richard Robb, Mayor

4/28/15

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk