

Introduced by: Greg Moyer, Interim City Manager  
Date: September 9, 2014  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 14-12**

#### **SUPPORT FOR ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION GRANT THAT CAN PROVIDE AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL**

**WHEREAS**, Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF) approached the City of Bethel to gauge its interest in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation grant titled: SFY 2015 Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety (THHP) Housing Grant Program;

**WHEREAS**, the THHP grant allows for new construction or renovation of existing buildings that result in affordable and sustainable housing for only those employed in the teaching, health, and public safety fields;

**WHEREAS**, BCSF plans to apply for THHP funding to renovate its Norma Jean Center building such that approximately two three-bedroom, two two-bedroom, and two one-bedroom apartment units will become available for rent to public safety personnel;

**WHEREAS**, once constructed, BCSF would serve as landlord of the new housing complex and administer all lease arrangements with tenants;

**WHEREAS**, if BCSF receives grant funding, the City of Bethel agrees to notify potential recruits and new hires that housing is available for Police and Fire department employees who qualify on a first-come, first-serve basis;

**WHEREAS**, the availability of various bedroom size apartment units to City public safety personnel and the close proximity of the apartment complex to the Bethel Police Station will likely improve the City's ability to recruit and retain public safety sector employees;

**WHEREAS**, to help BCSF complete the grant application package, the City will provide public safety personnel turnover rates and other statistics and supporting documentation requested;

**WHEREAS**, the THHP administrator informed BCSF that this resolution is an appropriate supporting document from the City of Bethel and no memorandum of understanding is required or requested;

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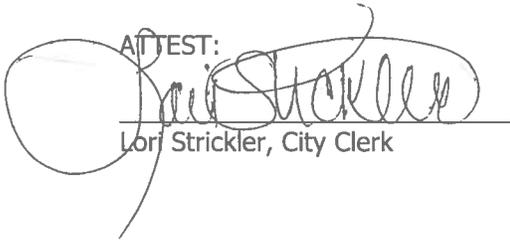
**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2014, the Public Safety and Transportation Commission approved a recommendation to Bethel City Council in support of this project;

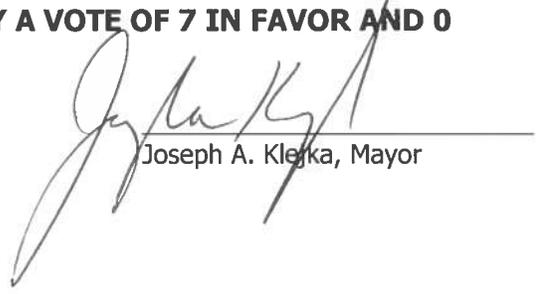
**WHEREAS**, the deadline for BCSF to prepare and submit the grant application is October 13, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Bethel supports Bethel Community Services Foundation's efforts to prepare and submit an SFY 2015 Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety (THHP) Housing Grant Program application to request funds to renovate a building that will result in an apartment complex for public safety sector employees;

**ENACTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor