Introduced by: Mayor Robb
Date April 12, 2016
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #16-15

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING SENATE BILL 209, AN ACT RELATING TO INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN ALASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, and other municipalities, contribute to The Public Employee Retirement System (PERS);

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel, and other employers, are required to contribute 22% of all payroll to PERS;

WHEREAS, SB209 would increase Employers' liability to 24.5% in FY 17, 25.5%in FY18, and 26.5% in FY19;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, and other employers, must still maintain the 2008 "floor" on salaries, as well as must maintain all departments, groups, and classifications of employees or face termination studies and potentially severe financial liabilities;

WHEREAS, these increases will put a tremendous financial strain on the City of Bethel and other employers;

WHEREAS, this is not a cost savings to the people of Alaska, but a cost shifting from the State government to local governments, including the City of Bethel;

WHEREAS, these increased costs must be directly financed by the local taxpayer in local municipalities;

WHEREAS, in the City of Bethel these increased costs must be paid by the taxpayer in sales tax and user fees;

WHEREAS, this cost shifting may force local governments, including the City of Bethel, to reduce services and/or increase tax liability on their local citizens and taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council Opposes Senate Bill 209 and cost shifting from the State of Alaska to local employers, including the City of Bethel.

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ENACTED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL 2016 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk