

Introduced by: Mayor Robb
Date: June 28, 2016
Action: Passed
Vote: 4-1

CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 16-23

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING A STATE SALES TAX

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel recognizes the State of Alaska is in a severe financial crisis and long term solutions need to be found;

WHEREAS, there is a need for reduced spending and increased revenue by the State of Alaska;

WHEREAS, one proposal calls for a state sales tax;

WHEREAS, the Governor has called for another special session to start July 11, 2016;

WHEREAS, the agenda includes a sales and use tax;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel relies primarily on a local sales tax;

WHEREAS, an additional state sales tax would be an enormous burden upon the people of Bethel and our region;

WHEREAS, an additional state sales tax would inhibit the ability of Bethel to raise needed revenue for local services;

WHEREAS, 110 of 164 municipalities in Alaska levy a sales tax;

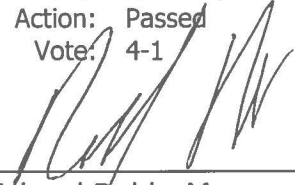
WHEREAS, an additional state sales tax would inhibit the ability of many other municipalities from the ability to raise needed revenue for local services. Many of these municipalities are small cities in rural areas;

WHEREAS, there are other revenue proposals that may have less negative impact on our community, region, and our local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Bethel opposes a new state sale and use tax.

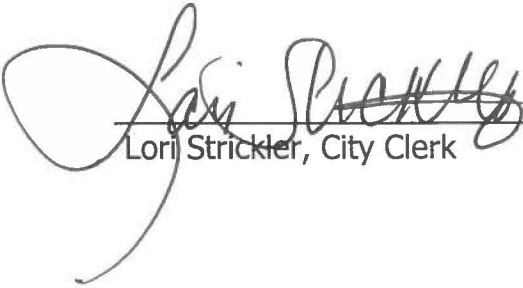
ENACTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016 BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.

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ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk