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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2077

### **A Resolution Urging the Alaska Legislature to Provide for Effective Local Protest of Pull-Tab Licenses and to Require Licensing of Pull-Tab Employees.**

WHEREAS, recent experience has shown that substantial volumes of money flow through pull-tab operations, and any failure to collect and remit sales taxes on this volume can have a substantial effect on local revenues, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the City and Borough be equipped with effective tools to enforce sales tax laws and other local laws applicable to pull-tabs, and

WHEREAS, a tool that has proved its effectiveness in a similar context is AS 04.11.480, by which the State of Alaska authorizes local governments to protest the issuance or renewal of a state liquor license, and

WHEREAS, unless the protest is arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable, it will be honored by the State and the liquor license will be denied, or will be granted with conditions requested by the local governing body, and

WHEREAS, this statute gives local governments a clear voice in the alcohol regulation process, allowing them to point out those few licensees who are delinquent in the payment of local taxes, who serve minors, or who otherwise operate in an unlawful manner, and

WHEREAS, the state system for regulating pull-tabs provides under AS 05.15.030 that local governments may protest the issuance of pull-tab licenses, but only on the grounds that a licensee lacks the qualifications prescribed by the State, and even then the protest is merely advisory, and

WHEREAS, local governments deserve better than this rudimentary control over gambling in their jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the people who operate and manage pull-tab operations are crucial to the effectiveness and efficiency of any regulatory system, whether these people are employed by permittees, vendors, operators, or otherwise, and,

WHEREAS, there is presently no system under Alaska statutes to license pull-tab employees, and

WHEREAS, licensing of pull-tab employees would allow training and examination as a means of ensuring compliance with the regulations applicable to pull-tab operations;

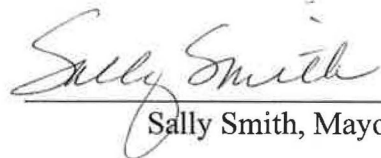
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Request for Legislation.** The Assembly respectfully requests that the Alaska Legislature undertake statutory reform of AS 05.15 for the purpose of establishing an effective local protest of gambling licenses, for licensing of pull-tab employees, and for such other regulation as may serve the public interest.


**Section 2. Distribution.** The Clerk shall deliver copies of this resolution to the legislative delegation.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

  
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Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Laurie J. Sica, Clerk