

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1605

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau recognizes the importance and contribution of all volunteer firefighters throughout the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide the same services and perform the same tasks as full-time paid firefighters, and

WHEREAS, current workers' compensation laws protect full-time paid firefighters yet this protection is not extended equitably to volunteer firefighters, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties involved to provide workers' compensation benefits to injured parties rather than subject themselves to litigation;

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

1. That the City and Borough of Juneau urges the State of Alaska Legislature and the Governor to enact and implement legislation providing volunteer firefighters with all workers' compensation rights and benefits granted to regular employees including:

a. coverage while acting within the scope of the duties of a volunteer firefighter performing public safety duties as defined by the firefighter's agency; and

b. benefits equal to those awarded to full-time paid firefighters, except that the amount of any compensation awarded to a volunteer shall be based on the greater of:

(1) the average income of entry level full-time paid firefighters in the State of Alaska, or

(2) the volunteer's regular income, to a maximum of three times the average income of entry level full-time paid firefighters in the State of Alaska.

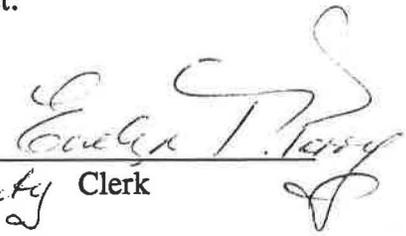
2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Deputy Clerk