

Passenger Entry Fee Briefing
Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors
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Purpose of filing litigation

- Industry has not been able to resolve a long standing difference of opinion with City leaders in Juneau regarding the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution and federal restrictions on passenger entry fees.
- The Juneau island and whale foundation/bridge park project is an example of where industry feels the CBJ is reaching too far away from the ship (and further and further from legal use of tax).
- Court guidance will help clarify the rules and enable the industry and CBJ move forward.
- Industry feels a responsibility to our passengers to ensure the taxes they pay are being used in a legal manner.



Moving Forward

- Litigation is narrowly focused on CBJ's use of local fees.
- It is important to resolve the impasse so both parties know the rules.
- Litigation was filed prospective, no penalties were requested; industry looking for as efficient resolution to impasse as possible. (Unfortunately, CBJ is trying to delay and raise cost by kicking case into state court).
- Industry is not trying to dictate what projects are funded; issue is what fund source is appropriate based upon each specific project.
 - Law requires a service to the passenger and vessel not build an attraction.