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**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-13R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA, APPROVING THE REPORT, “ESTIMATING 2016 CRUISE SHIP VISITOR IMPACT” AND SUPPORTING ITS APPLICATION TO ASSIST THE ASSEMBLY IN DETERMINING THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL (CPV) EXCISE TAX FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska levies an excise tax on travel on vessels providing overnight accommodations in the state’s marine water, and under the State’s guidelines the Municipality of Skagway is entitled to receive a portion of these revenues “in a manner calculated to improve port and harbor facilities and other services to properly provide for vessel or watercraft visits and to enhance the safety and efficiency of interstate and foreign commerce” (AS 43.52.230); and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Municipality of Skagway commissioned a report from James Van Altvorst and Borough Attorney Robert Blasco for the purpose of assessing the appropriate use of allocated Commercial Passenger Vessel (CPV) excise tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, this report was used by the Municipality of Skagway to determine its appropriate use of CPV funds to offset the cost of cruise ship visitor impacts to municipal infrastructure; and

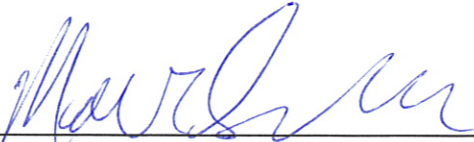
WHEREAS, in 2016 the State of Alaska conducted an audit of the use of CPV revenues by municipalities, and noted in its follow-up report that for the Municipality of Skagway, “the impact survey [of 2008] serves as an objective basis for using CPV funds for general municipal operations. However, the audit noted that the survey was six years old at the time of the audit and in need of being updated”; and

WHEREAS, in response to this observation, the Municipality of Skagway contracted with Mr. Van Altvorst to update the 2008 study to address current cruise ship passenger and crew data, and to provide an objective measure of cruise ship and cruise ship passengers use of the Municipality’s facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the report by Mr. Van Altvorst, “Estimating 2016 Cruise Ship Visitor Impact,” concludes that despite demographic changes, the underlying assumptions and the formula for determining the appropriate use of CPV funds as outlined in the 2008 report remain appropriate for use in 2016;

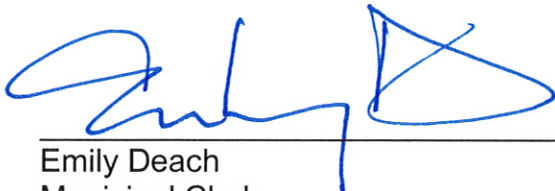
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that the Municipality approves the report, “Estimating 2016 Cruise Ship Visitor Impact” by James Van Altvorst, and fully supports its conclusions and use in determining the expenditure of municipal CPV funds consistent with AS 43.52.230.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of May, 2017, by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.



Mark Schaefer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily Deach
Municipal Clerk

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