



CITY OF NORTH POLE *Alaska*

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, February 6, 2012

Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| Richard Holm | 488-1776 |
| Sharron Hunter- <i>Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem</i> | 488-4282 |
| Ronald Jones- <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i> | 488-3579 |
| Thomas McGhee | 455-0010 |
| Derrick Nelson | 490-2446 |
| Bryce Ward- <i>Deputy Mayor Pro Tem</i> | 488-7314 |

MAYOR

Douglas Isaacson 488-8584

CITY CLERK

Kathy Weber, MMC 488-8583

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag –
 - *Presentation of Colors by Troop 9*
3. Invocation
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Communications from the Mayor
7. Council Member Questions of the Mayor
8. Communications from Department Heads, Borough Representative and the City Clerk
9. Ongoing Projects Report
10. Citizens Comments (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- a. Request from city resident, Angelica Broady, to forgive \$265.67 sewage portion of utility bill
- b. Request from city resident, Justin Dehart to forgive \$526.50 sewage portion of utility bill, suspending the late charges until insurance claim can be processed.
- c. Request from Christmas In Ice for 4th quarter 2011 bed tax
- d. Resolution 12-02, A Resolution Of The City Council Of North Pole Opposing FNSB Ordinance No. 2012-07 “Adopting A Motor Vehicle Registration Tax And Establishing A Vehicle Registration Reserve Allocating The Proceeds To Provide Real Property Relief Through Reduction Of The Areawide Mill Rate And Fund Fire Service Area Capital Expenditures”

13. Council Comments

14. Adjournment

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**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Isaacson called the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

**Mr. Holm
Ms. Hunter
Mr. Jones
Mr. McGhee
Mr. Nelson
Mr. Ward
Mayor Isaacson**

Absent/Excused

**Excused
Excused**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Isaacson

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Nelson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holm moved to Approve the Agenda of January 17, 2012

Seconded by Mr. Ward

Discussion

None

Mr. Holm moved to put items a, b, c, & d under New Business on Consent Agenda:

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH
STAR BOROUGH AND ITS EMS CONTRACTORS, AND ADJACENT ENTITIES
PROVIDING LIKE SERVICES**

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO
LEASING AGREEMENT DISCUSSION OF NPFD ENGINE 22 TO FLINT HILLS FOR
APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS.**

RESOLUTION 12-01, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO REALLOCATE UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE COMPLETED SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT TO THE UTILITY GARAGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Holm *moved to Approve the Minutes of January 3, 2012*

Seconded by Mr. Ward

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –5– Ward, Nelson, Holm, Hunter, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Ice Alaska has been extended to the weekends.
- Mayor Isaacson & Ms. Weber taught classes at the Lions Leadership Academy.
- Mayor Isaacson and Councilman Jones will be in Juneau during the next meeting and Ms. Weber will be on vacation.
- Mayor Isaacson attended a meeting with World Trade Center and other economist on the Interior economy.
- Mayor Isaacson encouraged the council and public to write letters to their legislators on the cost of fuel and electric.

Students of the Month

Charaya McNeil - NPE

Madeline Marie Hunter – NPHS

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Ms. Hunter asked about who would be leading the meeting of February 6, 2012.

Mayor Isaacson said that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Mr. Ward would be leading the meeting of February 6, 2012.

Mr. Holm asked when the Mayor would be scheduling a review of the bed tax on the agenda.

Mayor Isaacson said that the Finance/Audit committee would meet first and that there is a draft ordinance for Reserve Funds that Council Ward is co-sponsoring.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept

- Chief Lane reminded Mr. Holm and Mr. Ward about the NIMS testing. February 6th will possibly be a cold weather test.
- The department is working on educating families and employees in the event of an area wide emergency.
- The City of North Pole will also be working on their Emergency Operations Plan.
- Chief Lane reminded everyone to keep their chimney's clean or you could end up with problems.

Police Department

- Sgt. Nelson reported to council that they have been busy with increases in property crimes.
- Make sure to lock your vehicle as theft has been on the rise.
- The department is back to full staff with one officer being on light duty after surgery.
- Sgt. Nelson encouraged everyone to slow down as vehicles do not react the same in the way in these extreme temperatures.
- Sgt. Nelson gave kudo's to the NPFD and the great EMT staff.

Accountant

- Lisa Vaughn said that the December financials are preliminary and she will be working on bringing them up to date.

FNSB Representative

- Mayor Isaacson reported that there were no items that directly affected the City of North Pole. The next FNSB Assembly meeting is Thursday, January 26th.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

Building Department

- No new building permits since the last Council meeting on December 5, 2011.
- Safeway Pharmacy remodel permitted last year is beginning.

Public Works

- Had second snowplowing for this winter season

- Challenge with roads this year is several small snowfalls (less than 3 inches) has led to accumulated hardpack
- No major system failures in Public Works from the recent cold snap
 - City Hall heating system had a component failure-fuel system controller-but this was successfully repaired
 - City Hall now has a heating and power failure alarm/notification system (Sensaphone) to warn of system failures
 - Still waiting on energy audit report as the first step in replacing the City Hall heating system
 - * Revised submission date is early February

Utility Department

- Request for Bids for utility garage released on January 6 with due date of February 14
 - Hope to bring a bid recommendation to Council at February 21 meeting
 - Resolution before Council to transfer unspent grant fund (\$187,337) from last summer's sludge removal project to utility garage project.
 - * Total funds available for project would be increased to \$1,017,311
 - * City's projected cash match will go **down** slightly from \$330,000 to \$303,276
- The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has released for public notice the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program
 - Public comment period is 30 days from January 12, 2012
 - Process is approximately 9 months behind schedule
 - Much of delay caused because responsibility for overseeing the process occurred in a transition of responsibility between EPA and the state
 - Hope to bring to the Council at the February 21 meeting an amended sewer use ordinance that codifies the industrial pretreatment responsibilities of the City and industries
 - Mike Pollen from NTL Alaska, the City's waste water consultant on the permit, is tentatively proposed to make a presentation to the Council on February 21 about the permit
- Upgrade of electronic system controls at the water treatment plant completed at the beginning of January 2012
 - Project cost of fully funded with a legislative grant

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- Ms. Weber taught two classes on Sunday, January 15th on Conducting Effective Meetings and Parliamentary Procedure to the Lions Leadership Academy.
- Santa's Senior Center has asked me to swear in their board tomorrow at their monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
- Starting vacation from January 27 – February 11, 2012. I will be checking email periodically but if you need immediate assistance contact Tricia Fogarty at 488-8538.

- Days until Christmas - 349

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

All items were consented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ward – been a wonderful year and appreciates a warm fireplace. Looking forward to the Finance/Audit committee meeting and tackling issues.

Mr. Holm – roads are better this year than last.

Ms. Hunter – regrets not being able to attend the meeting in Juneau from February 7 – 9. She had a great Christmas vacation.

Mr. Nelson – welcomed the mayor back and hoped he had a great trip.

Mayor Isaacson – commented on seeing Ms. Hunter in Chicago at the airport on his way to Omaha to see his children and how surprising it was.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nelson *moved to adjourn the meeting of January 17, 2012*

Seconded by Mr. Ward

No Objection

The regular meeting of January 17, 2012 adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, February 6, 2012.

DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending Feb 6, 2012

GENERAL:

- Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will have its first meeting of 2012 on Tuesday, February 21, 5:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem and Committee Chair Ron Jones will have an agenda published with the next Council packet and public noticed. They are planning to meet prior to every Committee of the Whole at 5 p.m. (usually the first and third Mondays of each month).
- Alaska Municipal League (AML) Meetings & Legislative Priorities: The Legislature is in full swing. As I write this on 2/2/12, there have been 498 bills introduced and only 40 passed; also, there are 60 other resolutions still under consideration. This means there's a lot of pushing and pulling going on and Councilman Jones and I are going to be urging legislators to make North Pole priorities their priorities—not an easy task.

As you can imagine, we are having many discussions in the Interior regarding the various legislative priorities. Topping everyone's list, including ours, is bringing relief from the high cost of energy. Ron Jones and I, while in Juneau with AML, will be urging funding for our capital projects requests, as well as advancing potential legislative actions that will bring us relief in the near term and sustainable low cost energy from sources such as natural gas and hydro electricity in the future. One short-term possibility is to extend power cost equalization, which is used in Rural Alaska, to the Fairbanks North Star Borough. That will give some relief to residential electric customers but does not bring relief from the high cost of heating fuel.

Oil and gas taxation is on the foreground in the Legislature. Some of this debate revolves around CoNP Resolution 11-08 which became AML Resolution #2012-02, making Alaska more competitive for oil exploration, development, production and in-state refining. Sen. Lesil McGuire is proposing adjusting the progressivity portion of the tax regime and I have already begun discussions with her staff to ensure that revenue sharing to the communities, which has been tied to progressivity, is not adversely affected.

Other issues affecting our community include the new North Pole library funding, education formula funding, prohibiting reading texts and using computers while driving, funding rail-road realignment and extensions, and, of course, the AGIA and AGDC/ASAP gas pipelines. This is by no means a complete list, but tops the current discussions in the legislature.

Today, the Governor issued a Press Release that is positive for Alaskans. His action is EXACTLY the right beginning to change the cumbersome and often obstructive bureaucracy that has been charged since statehood to allow Alaskans to develop our resources and settle our land in order to pay our own way--to be a contributor to, and not be a burden on, the federal coffers. Well done, Governor! Here's the text:

Dear Fellow Alaskans,

Recently, we proposed a change to the mission statement at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to reflect the exact words of Alaska's Constitution. Our Constitution

makes it State policy to “encourage development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.”

Early in my administration I directed our commissioners to review the department mission statements to ensure they line up with Alaska’s Constitution. Changes to agency mission statements are subject to legislative approval.

Some have expressed opposition to hanging DNR’s mission to reflect this constitutional policy statement. I invite you to listen as I speak with the press corps about how Alaskans are served through this effort.

- Memorial Service for 1-25: On Feb 2, I attended a memorial service for PFC Dustin Paul Napier, an infantryman with the Arctic Legion, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment from Ft Wainwright killed by small arms fire in Afghanistan. PFC Napier had dreamed of being a soldier all his life and was proud to serve. He was 20 years old and had recently married his sweetheart while on mid-term leave. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends.

- The “Fairbanks Committee”: is sponsored by the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau (FCVB) and is composed of the mayors, native leaders, and community leaders from various industries. The goal of this committee is to continue working together cross-culturally to attract more meetings and conventions to the Interior. It was first formed to coordinate the communities’ efforts to bring AFN to Fairbanks. AFN will be held in Anchorage in 2012 but have left open the opportunity to bring them here in 2013 and 2014. This meeting was held on Jan 18.

- Gas Pumping and Pricing in North Pole: I received complaints that gas station attendants in North Pole were telling customers to stick the diesel pump up the exhaust pipe of running vehicles in order to “thaw” them out. This is NOT a practice condoned either by City Hall or the owners of the stations and has been addressed. However, if you are instructed, or have constituents who are instructed, to do this, please notify Mayor Isaacson, 488-8584, immediately. During the discussions with owners, I again urged them to lower their gas prices to be competitive with Fairbanks and attract more customers—it’s profitable for them, and good for our local economy. So far, no response. We’ll see...

- Sulfolane Update: I have had several discussions with Nim Ha of the State’s Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), with Ann Farris of DEC, and met with medical professionals in the community during the Interior Public Health Summit at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital regarding the results of DHSS’ report on possible health effects. Here’s the text of the Press Release of January 19:

North Pole sulfolane health impact evaluation released

No negative health effects expected; caution still stressed

ANCHORAGE — Officials with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Epidemiology, Environmental Public Health Program have released their evaluation of possible health effects from sulfolane exposure from North Pole area wells.

Based on available scientific information, officials concluded that water containing detectable levels of sulfolane is safe for most household activities, such as bathing, washing clothes and dishes, and rinsing foods. They continue to recommend that North Pole residents use a water source that has no detectable level of sulfolane for growing edible plants, drinking, or other uses where the water is ultimately consumed (such as adding water to a can of soup).

“Although levels of sulfolane in people’s wells are substantially lower than those that caused subtle health effects in test animals, we cannot say with *absolute certainty* that there will not be any health effects from long-term exposure to low levels of sulfolane in drinking water, because no studies have looked at this in animals or people,” said Nim Ha, a co-author of the report.

“Flint Hills has provided a long-term alternative water supply to all North Pole residents with detectable levels of sulfolane in their well water, and we recommend that they continue to use an alternative source of water for drinking and eating. This also applies to pets and other household animals,” Ha said.

Sulfolane is an industrial solvent that was found in wells near the North Pole Flint Hills refinery in fall 2009.

The evaluation found no increase in cancer or birth defect rates for North Pole residents compared to the entire state from 1996 – 2007 (cancer), and 1996 – 2009 (birth defects).

North Pole residents and interested stakeholders with further questions about the content of this report are welcome to contact the Environmental Public Health Program at 907-269-8000.

For more information about sulfolane contamination in North Pole groundwater, go to <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/>.

For the full report, go to <http://www.epi.alaska.gov/eh/sulfolane/DHSSHealthConsultSulfolaneGroundwater.pdf>

- Various Meetings: included going weekly to NPMS and helping with announcements and giving “Words of Wisdom.”
 - On Jan 19, I met with Ira Perman, Chairman of the Institute of the North. Their tour to Norway has resulted in House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 19 in which the legislature is considering restructuring the State’s approach to oil and gas production and taxation.
 - On Jan 21, was MC for Samaritan Counseling Center’s, “Celebration of Lights” benefit dinner.
 - Attended the 354th Wing’s Quarterly Awards Luncheon and the Annual Awards Dinner. Congratulations to own Ron Jones who was a runner up for the Award going to the Civilian Technician of the Year.
 - Participated in the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) 2014 Host Society planning meeting, to which the Council has given financial support. We are going to be in Whitehorse from March 2-11 in order to observe AWG 2012 and learn how from them how to put on successful Games.
 - Met with various community residents and business leaders discussing what’s on their minds and are priorities.

- On Jan 26, met with Department Heads to develop revisions to our Emergency Response Planning, especially to ensure our employees' families are taken care of while they respond to the emergency. Fire Chief Buddy Lane is heading up this work group which will be conducting preparedness training for employees and Council members during the next two months.
 - On Jan 30, I participated in the Federal Energy Commission's (FERC) Alaska Pipeline Project NEPA review held at the Carlson Center. It was sparsely attended, no objections, and in response to whether FERC considers this to be a "real" project, they are taking it very seriously and devoting resources to reviewing the applicants' submissions. I was interviewed by Dan Bross/KUAC.
 - On Jan 31, I attended the Alaska Railroad's Open House, and discussed with project engineers the status of the projects affecting North Pole: Phase 1 NP Realignment, the Tanana River Crossing, and the Rail extension to Ft. Greely. Our discussion centered on status of Environmental reports for Phase 1, which is 30 days behind schedule—we can expect public meetings to be held in about 30 days; and where our projects fit in the prioritization of other projects around the state. Once our environmental reports are completed, we can pursue funding for Phase 1. I was given a shovel commemorating my participation at the Tanana River Crossing Groundbreaking Ceremony and was interviewed by Tim Ellis/KUAC.
 - On Jan 31, our Itadori Sister City met. Karen Lane, Chair, told the group of students and parents that we'll plan to go on or around May 22 for 10 days. I INVITE ANY COUNCIL PERSON who would like to go to participate in the planning meetings, fundraising activities, and language/culture sessions.
 - A home school group, consisting of approximately 15 students, ages 5-13, toured City Hall with the Mayor on Friday Feb 3.
- FMATS: the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) Policy Committee met on Jan 18. Much of the discussion had to do with the proposed archway that would be erected between Cushman St. and the new Barnette bridge. Construction of Illinois should be proceeding this summer and completion in 2014. The archway is being reconsidered and will not hold up construction. The next meeting will be held on Feb 15, 10 am at the DOT Conference Room on Peger. Public comment is possible at the beginning and near the end of the meeting.
- BRAC?: Included with these comments is a Press Release from the Governor concerning the agreement between him and the Congressional Delegation to oppose any attempt to close military bases in Alaska. It is also a concern of the local mayors and FEDC which have initiated actions to positively inform DOD leadership of the positive value of our bases, especially since the President has affirmed his focus will be on the Pacific and Asia. Read the press release for more. I'll keep you informed of local actions.
- Jeannette James: Many people in the North Pole area will remember Jeannette James, who served us in the legislature for about ten years. Jeannette's husband Jim passed away early in the morning of Monday, January 30. He had been ill but returned to his home for the last week and was surrounded by family. Jeannette and Jim were just short of celebrating their 64th anniversary this month. I spoke to Jeannette and she would love to receive written cards, and hear the memories people have of Jim. Her daughter is putting together a slide show, so if anyone has photos they can send, give her a call. She misses Jim terribly, but because he was sick, "it was his time to go." She would have liked to have had another anniversary with Jim in February, but nevertheless, she's "not going to mope" and has her eyes fixed on

what she can contribute in the future. After all, she's a young 82 years of age--her mom lived well into her 90's! One of the projects she's working on is to write her family history. The Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Feb 4. Cards can be sent to:

792 Fescue Ave
Woodburn, OR 97071

FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:

The FNSB Assembly met on Thursday, January 26. Included in the actions was a rezone request for Ice Alaska which was partially approved, enabling Ice Alaska to pursue the World Ice Art Championships this year; Ordinance No. 2011-61, amending Title 17: roadway construction, failed on a 3-3 vote (several Assembly members were absent); and \$552k of federal CMAQ (air quality funds) was appropriated to the Transit Enterprise Projects Fund to develop a Fairbanks PM2.5 non-attainment area statewide implementation plan for air quality control (North Pole held the dubious distinction of having the worst air quality in the borough during the recent cold spell when we were at 60 Below).

You have in your packet for the City Council of Feb 6 a resolution that focuses on pending action being considered by the Assembly on Feb 9: that of adopting a motor vehicle registration tax and establishing a vehicle registration reserve allocating the proceeds to provide real property relief through reduction of the areawide mil rate and fund fire serve area capital expenditures.

The next regular FNSB Assembly meeting is scheduled for Feb 9 at 6 pm. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly> .

MEDIA:

Jan 21, 28 & Feb 4: Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.” As mentioned above, I was also interviewed by KUAC.

UPCOMING (see above for other events, dates, and times)

- **February 6-10:** Mayor Isaacson & Councilman Jones are in Juneau; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Ward is point of contact. City Clerk Kathy Weber is on vacation, in her absence, contact Tricia Fogarty.
- **February 13, 6 p.m.:** Itadori Sister City Meeting @ City Hall, Call Karen Lane for info: 456-2014
- **February 18, 10 a.m.:** Senator Coghill Townhall meeting @ City Hall.
- **February 20: PRESIDENT’S DAY. CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED.**
- **February 21, 5 p.m.** Finance Committee; **6:30 p.m.** Committee of the Whole; **7 p.m.** Regular Council Meeting.

Family Fun Carnival

Presented by the Tanana Valley American Red Cross and Sponsored by:



Saturday, February 18, 2012
Bristow Hanger
off Van Horn/Young's Gear
and Driveline

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
\$5 per person--
at the door

Sack Races
Duck Pond
Ring Toss
Fishing
Cake Walk
Face Painting
Basketball Dunk
Plus 10 more Games
AND a Candy Store!

Fun Health & Safety
and Disaster
Preparedness Games

Come out of the February Cold and into the fun and excitement of the First Annual American Red Cross of Alaska:

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL!

Come join us for games (ages 3-12), concessions, prizes and an abundance of fun for everyone!

Door Prizes Include:

- ★ Bike
- ★ Large Stuffed Animal
- ★ Vintage 1960's Red Fire Chief Child Peddle Car

Pottery Plate Auction
Created and Donated
by UAF Students

- ★Carnival Food
- ★Carnival Games
- ★Carnival Prizes
- ★Carnival Surprises!

This is a fundraiser for the Tanana Valley American Red Cross of Alaska Disaster Services. 100% of all proceeds benefit families in the Tanana Valley area.

For more information on this event, call 456-5937.



American Red Cross
of Alaska

Lions Clubs International

300 W 22ND STREET * OAKBROOK ILLINOIS 60523-8842 USA

January 20, 2012



Mayor Isaacson
City of North Pole
125 Snowman Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

It is with great pleasure I offer a deep appreciation for the superb ambassadorship Ms. Kathy Weber extended to several community leaders attending our leadership academy.

Over the weekend of January 13-16, 2012 our association sponsored a leadership academy in Fairbanks, Alaska, being piloted to introduce 21st Century leadership skill sets to emerging leaders wanting to make a greater difference in their communities. Students in attendance represented a geographic area of over one million square miles across Alaska and Canadian territories; with a very diverse array of cultural values and perspectives.

Ms. Weber's delivery of lessons on Conducting Effective Meetings and Parliamentary Procedures made an impact on our students. Student evaluations clearly stated her delivery fostered a life changing ah ha moment for several students.

Ms. Weber truly represented your organization with exemplary professionalism. Please pass onto her our sincere gratitude and the attached Certificate of Appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. S. Rixie Sr.', written in a cursive style.

Howard S. Rixie Sr.
Special Area Coordinator
Global Leadership Team

Lions Clubs International

300 W 22ND STREET * OAKBROOK ILLINOIS 60523-8842 USA

January 20, 2012



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Your delivery of our graduation keynote made an impact on our students. Student evaluations clearly stated your delivery fostered a life changing ah ha moment for several students.

You truly represented yourself with exemplary professionalism. Please accept our sincere gratitude and the attached Certificate of Appreciation.

Sincerely,

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Howard S. Rixie Sr.
Special Area Coordinator
Global Leadership Team



January 10, 2012

The Honorable Doug Issacson
City of North Pole
125 Snowman Lane
North Pole, Alaska 99705

Dear Mayor Issacson:

Thank you for joining us at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Tanana River Crossing – Phase 1 of the Northern Rail Extension. We were pleased to have the opportunity to highlight the project and what it means for economic development in Alaska.

We have commemorated the event with the 21 shovels that were used to break the ground in Salcha. We are proud to present you with one of those shovels and hope that it makes for a great memento and reason to talk about the project. We look forward to you joining us for the ribbon cutting ceremony as well.

When completed, the Tanana River Crossing will allow the military to have year-round access to the Joint Pacific Area Range Complex training area between Fairbanks and Delta Junction. Ultimately, the entire 80 mile Northern Rail Extension project to Delta Junction will provide improved transportation options for the U.S. military, mass transit, and freight movement.

It is only through your efforts and the financial support of the Alaska Legislature and the Department of Defense that this project is possible

Thank you again for your support of the NRE and the Alaska Railroad.

Sincerely,

Chris Aadnesen
President & CEO



Thank You

All of us at Christmas in Ice, wish to recognize and thank you for your contribution which helped make the 2011 season our biggest event yet!! We increased the area of the ice park to accommodate more sculptures and large special event crowds. A new electronic Christmas tree with synchronized music was added, which doubled as the base for the Snowflake Drop. We continued to enlarge the kid's park with more slides and twirlers.

Long term growth is our goal, and one of our first steps has been the conversion of 98% of our lights to LED to be more energy efficient, and to lower costs. We have been granted use of a wonderful building for the warm-up facility and look forward to several more years in this location. Planning has begun for the 2012 event and tentative dates are December 1, 2012 to January 6, 2013. Christmas in Ice appreciates your continued support.

Sincerely,
Keith Fye, Director
Christmas in Ice, Inc.
(501c 3)

*Dear Mayor
and Council
Thank you for
your continued
support!!!*

**Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, some Congenital Heart Defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed Congenital Heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

WHEREAS, despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Congenital Heart Defect research and support; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Luke Hopkins, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I, Jerry Cleworth, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, Alaska, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2012 as

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough and encourages all citizens to increase awareness, education, and services for Congenital Heart Defects which each year affect too many babies in Interior Alaska.

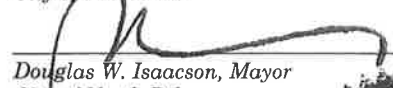
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have here unto set our hands this 20th day of January 2012.



Luke Hopkins, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

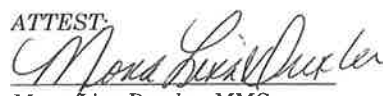


Jerry Cleworth, Mayor
City of Fairbanks



Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor
City of North Pole

ATTEST:



Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Municipal Borough Clerk



WHEREAS, physical activity is a vital component of health for all ages; and

WHEREAS, organized sports create an atmosphere of competition, excitement and fun; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 Interior Alaska children and adults participate in organized hockey year-round; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is one of only two cities in the United States with both Junior "A" and Division I college hockey programs; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks has a proud hockey heritage represented by numerous tournament, regional and national championships; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks has twice been recognized in a nation-wide competition to determine which community does the best job of celebrating hockey; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks hosted the Stanley Cup on Sunday February 13, 2011. The Stanley Cup is awarded to the champion of the National Hockey League and is the most beloved trophy in all of team sports:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Luke Hopkins, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I, Jerry Cleworth, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, Alaska, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17 - 26, 2012, as

HOCKEY WEEK IN FAIRBANKS

throughout our community and urge all citizens to participate in the scheduled activities and support the players who will be actively engaged in the competition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of February 2012.

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City of Fairbanks*

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City of North Pole*

*Rep Young writes in Support of ^{Retaining} our Fairbanks
Metropolitan Area Transportation System - FMATS.*

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 26, 2012

The Honorable John Mica
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall
Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Duncan
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Highways and
Transit
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Highways and
Transit
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Mica, Rahall, Duncan, and DeFazio,

We write to you today specifically to request that you preserve the valuable local input in transportation planning that is provided by all existing metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). As you move forward with the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation, we ask that you include a provision to allow all existing MPOs, regardless of changes you may make to the population thresholds that determine when an MPO is designated, to continue to operate unless the MPO decides to change its designated status under law.

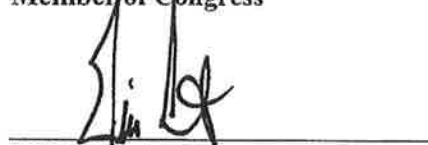
Our country's transportation system is vital to the economic prosperity of the United States and a crucial component to our ability to compete in this global economy. Moving people and products across the country, to and from rural areas, and within our cities is how our country achieved greatness and will continue to do so in the future. Planning how our future transportation network will operate and be built, from our largest cities to our smallest communities, is dependent upon the hard work and dedication of transportation planners at all levels of government. In many respects transportation planning is a bottom up process that begins at the local level in some of our smallest urban areas and rural communities. The involvement and effort of local and regional transportation planning is where our country begins to define how the larger network connects people to jobs, how commerce will move throughout our country, and links all sectors of the economy. The input at the local level involves numerous interested parties and stakeholders that will impact local, regional, and state decisions as to how and where transportation investments - taxpayer dollars - will be made. It is imperative that this local and regional forum be maintained and not eliminated in favor of a top down approach.

Again, as you and your colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee continue to debate the future of our surface transportation infrastructure system, we request that the legislation specifically includes language to preserve all existing designated metropolitan planning organizations. Thank you for your consideration of this important subject.

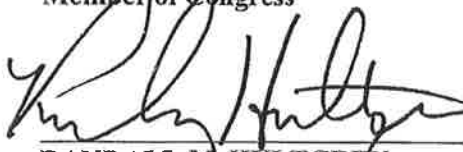
Sincerely,


LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress


DON YOUNG
Member of Congress


JIM COSTA
Member of Congress


TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Member of Congress


RANDALL M. HULTGREN
Member of Congress


DENNIS A. CARDOZA
Member of Congress


JOHN CARAMENDI
Member of Congress


JEFF DEAMICO
Member of Congress


DEVIN NUNES
Member of Congress


REID J. RIBBLE
Member of Congress


BILL HUIZENGA
Member of Congress



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 12-013

Governor Parnell Preparing Defense of Alaska's Military

January 27, 2012, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell announced today that he will not let the Department of Defense (DoD) make decisions that will severely impact **our nation's** military and Alaskan communities without **Alaska's** voice being heard. DoD Secretary Leon Panetta said that force reductions will take place that impact all 50 states and a Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) will be requested of Congress to address facility reductions as soon as possible.

The Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST) recommends the State of Alaska hire an experienced consulting group to address any ideas proposed by the next BRAC. Governor Parnell will put forward a budget request of the Legislature for \$300,000 to promote and sustain **Alaska's current military** facilities and force structure.

"With the DoD strategic mission focused on Asia, it is obvious that Alaska's geographic location is a perfect fit to project power into Europe, Central Asia, and the Pacific theater of operations," Governor Parnell said. "We will work closely with our congressional delegation to make sure Alaska meets the needs of our national defense strategy without compromising the force that currently exists in the state."

Panetta outlined a plan to cut nearly \$500 billion in the next 10 years from the DoD budget, **and said, "Make no mistake, the savings we are proposing will impact all 50 states and many districts across America."**

The **U.S. military's presence in Alaska** represents 10 percent of the **state's** economy. While local job creation does not outweigh national security needs, the DoD should be increasing its military defense resources in Alaska to fulfill the **country's** strategic focus in the Pacific.

"We have taken all of the right steps to support the military in Alaska," Parnell said. "We made it easier for military spouses to get hired with out-of-state professional licenses; we funded almost half of the construction costs for a bridge to the nation's largest military training area, and we provided new and innovative funding mechanisms to the state's lending agency to address military construction needs across the state."

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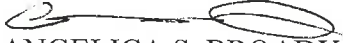
City of North Pole
North Pole City Council Members
125 Snowman Lane
North Pole, AK 99705-7708

Angelica S. Broady
Account 5565.06
2435 Tanana Drive
North Pole, AK 99705

Dear North Pole City Council Members,

On December 1, 2011 I discovered that the pipes in my home were frozen and burst. After which, I received a utility bill stating that I owed \$807.00. Once I called the North Pole Utility Billing Department, I informed the representative that I had received the bill and that I would not be able to pay the entire amount all at once. However, she offered me the option of setting up a payment plan of \$100.00 a month until the balance was dissolved. In addition to, the representative inquired about the completion of the sewage clearing that was also a part of my bill, but this was done by the contractor; furthermore removing a \$265.67 debit from my original bill of \$807.00. I was told to write a letter to you all explaining exactly what happened to have the sewer portion removed from my bill, as it was taken care of by a contractor. Attached is the utility bill. Please let me know if you require further information. I can be contacted by phone at 907-978-9599(Cell) or 907-377-5334(Work).

Respectfully


ANGELICA S. BROADY
2435 Tanana Drive
North Pole, AK 99705

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City of North Pole

125 Snowman Lane
North Pole
AK, 99705-7708
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Please call (907)488-6111

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ANGELICA S BROADY
2435 TANANA DR
NORTH POLE, AK 99705-6036

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Please complete payment information.

| Account No. | Bill Date | Due by 01/31 | Due after 01/31 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 5565.06 | 12/31/2011 | 807.00 | 814.06 |
| Credit Card | Select Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | | |
| Card No. | | | Exp. Date |
| Signature | | | 3-4 Digit Sec.Code |
| Check | Check No. | Amount Paid | |

Make checks payable to:



City of North Pole
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North Pole, AK. 99705-7708



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| On or Before 01/31/2012 | 807.00 |
| After 01/31/2012 | 814.06 |

Account Summary

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| Payments & Credits | 18.36CR |
| Charges | 807.00 |
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Service Summary

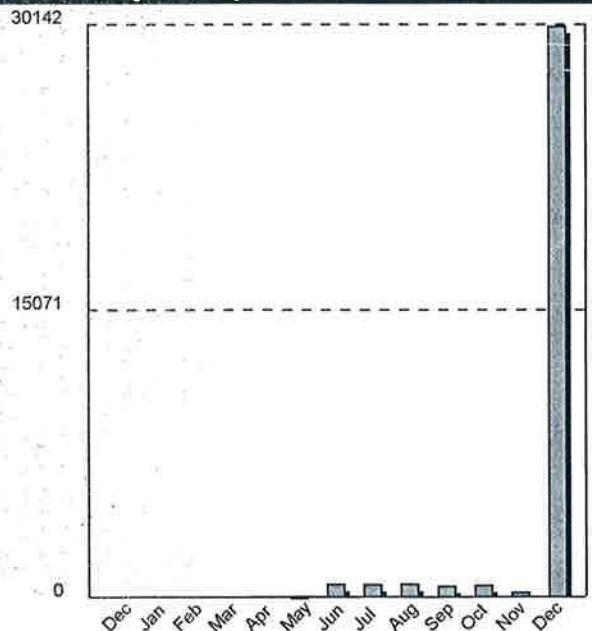
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| Account No. | 5565.06 |
| Period | - |
| Days | |
| Rate Class | Residential |
| Address | 2435 TANANA DR |

Messages

- You Can Pay Your Bill Online At www.northpolealaska.com, Click On Pay My Utility Bill|City Offices Will Be Closed On January 16th For Martin Luther King Day.||||

Service Detail

| Description | Meter Readings | | Mult | Usage | Amount |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Previous | Present | | | |
| Water Base | | | | | 5.00 |
| Water Usage | 42478 | 72599 | 1.0000 | 30121 | 440.97 |
| FRR Water | | | | 30121 | 45.18 |
| Sewer Base | | | | | 5.00 |
| Sewer Usage | | | | | 265.67 |
| FRR Sewer | | | | | 45.18 |
| Customer Deposit | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous-Water | | | | | |
| Late Fees | | | | | |

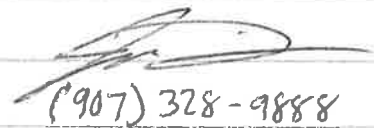
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26 Jan 12

Some time in November I had a waterline breakage at my house, this was discovered by the City Dec 1, 2011. The city turned off the water to stop the leak. The charges that incurred due to the leak will be covered by my insurance company, however they will only submit the check after all of the damages costs are known. I am having a hard time getting a contractor/plumber to come out to my house to inspect the Damage due to the cold weather and time of year, and do not foresee them being able to assist me until the spring time when the weather warms up.

Justin Dettart



(907) 328-9888

237 E 7th Ave North Pole

PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTERS OF ALASKA, INC.

ANCHORAGE OFFICE
912 EAST 15TH AVENUE, SUITE 200
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501
PHONE: (907) 562-3333 FAX: (907) 561-2732

***WASILLA OFFICE**
P.O. BOX 876593
WASILLA, ALASKA 99687
PHONE: (907) 376-4445 FAX: (907) 376-4445

January 3, 2012

Mr. Justin Dehart
237 E. 7th Ave.
North Pole, AK 99705

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|-----|------------------|------------------|
| RE: | Claim Number: | R11-096728 |
| | Our File Number: | WIS11124 |
| | Date of Loss: | December 1, 2011 |

Dear Mr. Dehart:

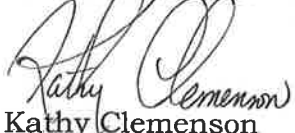
As you know, I am the insurance adjuster representing American Reliable Insurance Company in your claim to them for freezing damage at your home in North Pole. Thank you for allowing me to inspect your property. It was a pleasure meeting you.

This letter serves as a status report regarding your claim. As we've discussed, we await your contractor's inspection to assess possible structural damage related to the flooding in the crawlspace. Secondly, plumbing repair costs are not yet known. Your claim is therefore being held in abeyance, pending receipt of this additional information.

Estimates, upon submission, are subject to review and approval by American Reliable Insurance Company. They will make any and all coverage determinations in your claim. Also, any payment issued for damage to the dwelling will have your lien holder, ERA Mortgage, added as an additional payee.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you further.

Very truly yours,
PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTERS OF ALASKA, INC.


Kathy Clemenson
Adjuster, Wasilla Office

cc: American Reliable Insurance Company

City of North Pole

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JUSTIN DEHART
237 E 7TH AVE
NORTH POLE, AK 99705-7744

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Please complete payment information.

| Account No. | Bill Date | Due by 01/31 | Due after 01/31 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 5532.02 | 12/31/2011 | 1,610.94 | 1,625.04 |
| Credit Card | Select Card | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | | |
| Card No. | | | Exp. Date |
| Signature | | | 3-4 Digit Sec. Code |
| Check | Check No. | Amount Paid | |

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North Pole, AK, 99705-7708



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| On or Before 01/31/2012 | 1,610.94 |
| After 01/31/2012 | 1,625.04 |

Account Summary

| | |
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| Previous Balance | 1,307.26 |
| Payments & Credits | |
| Charges | 303.68 |
| New Balance | 1,610.94 |

Service Summary

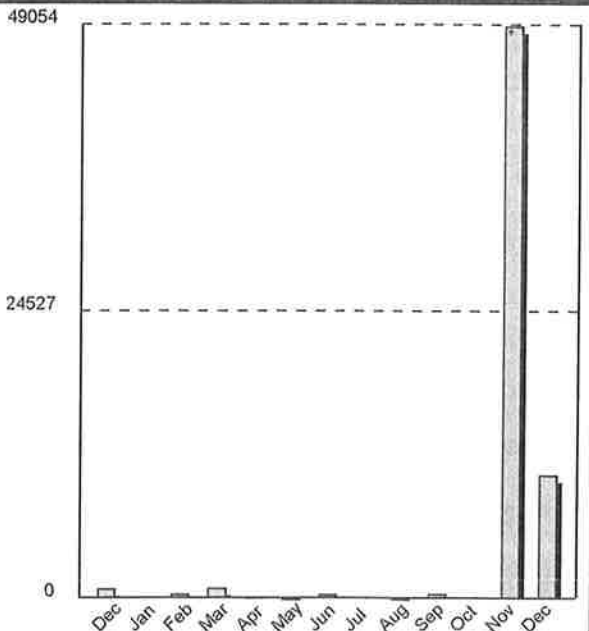
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|-------------|---------------|
| Account No. | 5532.02 |
| Period | - |
| Days | |
| Rate Class | Residential |
| Address | 237 E 7TH AVE |

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Service Detail

| Description | Meter Readings | | Mult | Usage | Amount |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Previous | Present | | | |
| Water Base | | | | | 5.00 |
| Water Usage | 78594 | 89261 | 1.0000 | 10667 | 156.16 |
| FRR Water | | | | 10667 | 16.00 |
| Sewer Base | | | | | 5.00 |
| Sewer Usage | | | | | 94.08 |
| FRR Sewer | | | | | 16.00 |
| Contract Payment | | | | | |
| Customer Deposit | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous-Water | | | | | |

Water Usage History

Report Criteria:
Customer: Customer number = 553202

5532.02 DEHART, JUSTIN 237 E 7TH AVE

Account Summary:

| Period | Water | Misc | W Usq | L Fee | FRRW | Sewer | S Usq | FRRS | CON PMT | Depos | Billings | Billing Adjustments | Payments | Other | Balance |
|------------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------|
| 05/31/2011 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 18.53 |
| 06/30/2011 | 5.00 | | 5.69 | | .58 | 5.00 | 8.42 | .58 | | | 25.43 | | | | 43.96 |
| 07/31/2011 | 5.00 | | | .16 | | 5.00 | 8.42 | | | | 18.80 | | | | 62.76 |
| 08/31/2011 | 5.00 | | .03 | .38 | | 5.00 | 8.42 | | | | 18.61 | | 43.96 | | 37.41 |
| 09/30/2011 | 5.00 | | 6.35 | .16 | .65 | 5.00 | 3.83 | .65 | | | 21.81 | | | | 59.22 |
| 10/31/2011 | 5.00 | | 2.47 | .33 | .25 | 5.00 | 1.49 | .25 | | | 14.98 | .04 | | | 74.16 |
| 11/30/2011 | 5.00 | | 717.76 | .52 | 73.54 | 5.00 | 432.42 | 73.54 | | | 1,307.26 | | 74.16 | | 1,307.26 |
| 12/31/2011 | 5.00 | | 156.16 | | 16.00 | 5.00 | 94.08 | 16.00 | | | 303.68 | | | | 1,610.94 |
| 01/31/2012 | | | | 11.44 | | | | | | | | | | | 1,610.94 |
| Totals: | 35.00 | | 888.46 | 12.99 | 91.02 | 35.00 | 557.08 | 91.02 | | | 1,710.57 | .04 | 118.12 | | |

Metered Services:

Report Dates: 06/01/2011 - 01/31/2012

Feb 02, 2012 10:30AM

5532.02 DEHART, JUSTIN 237 E 7TH AVE (Continued)

| Period Date | Read Date | Meter ID | Begin Read | End Read | Usage | Multiplier | Amount | Status |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| W Usd Current Rate: 202 Water - Residential - Usage | | | | | | | | |
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| 08/31/2011 | 08/31/2011 | 81829170 | 28,962 | 28,964 | 2 | 1.0000 | .03 | |
| 09/30/2011 | 09/30/2011 | 81829170 | 28,964 | 29,398 | 434 | 1.0000 | 6.35 | |
| 10/31/2011 | 10/31/2011 | 81829170 | 29,398 | 29,567 | 169 | 1.0000 | 2.47 | |
| 11/30/2011 | 11/30/2011 | 81829170 | 29,567 | 78,594 | 49,027 | 1.0000 | 717.76 | |
| 12/31/2011 | 12/30/2011 | 81829170 | 78,594 | 89,261 | 10,667 | 1.0000 | 156.16 | |
| 01/31/2012 | 01/31/2012 | 81829170 | 89,261 | 89,261 | 0 | 1.0000 | | |
| Totals: | | | | | 60,688 | | 888.46 | |

Report Criteria:

Customer Customer number = 553202

Christmas in Ice

NORTH POLE • ALASKA



January 24, 2012

On behalf of Christmas In Ice, Inc. (CII), I formally request 4th quarter 2011 Bed Tax from the City of North Pole.

See attached financial reports.

In December 2011, CII received NP City bed tax revenue for the 3rd quarter of 2011. Those funds allowed our organization to timely pay for contracted ice carving labor for the Letter to Santa sculpture in the North Pole roundabout, as well as Santa's throne and stage and the BP Christmas tree located at the ice park.

Bed tax monies received for the 4th quarter of 2011 will be used to pay vendors and suppliers for purchases of goods and services during this season's event. The organization is also in need of additional ice harvesting equipment such as heavy-duty chainsaws.

The directors of Christmas In Ice, Inc. are constantly brainstorming ways to improve our main event and bring additional visitors to North Pole during the cold and dark winter months. We have visions of developing summer activities to attract, educate and entertain North Pole residents and visitors in the city *where the Spirit of Christmas lives year 'round*.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy A. Jones". The signature is cursive and fluid.

Betsy A. Jones, Treasurer
Christmas In Ice, Inc.

Christmas In Ice, Inc.
P.O. Box 57250
North Pole, Alaska 99705
(907) 378-5778 www.christmasinice.org

Christmas In Ice, Inc.
Profit & Loss
October through December 2011

| | <u>Oct - Dec 11</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Contribs, gifts, grants, other | 67,236.68 |
| Program Service Revenue | <u>35,725.08</u> |
| Total Income | 102,961.76 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | |
| Cost of Sales | <u>6,487.51</u> |
| Total COGS | <u>6,487.51</u> |
| Gross Profit | 96,474.25 |
| Expense | |
| Contract Services | 47,280.49 |
| Advertising | 4,406.68 |
| Telephone, Internet, Webcams | 29.99 |
| Occupancy | 2,350.00 |
| Food & Beverage | 4,265.49 |
| Insurance | 1,215.00 |
| Park Operations | 4,333.88 |
| Donations | 1,800.00 |
| Ice contributed (in-kind exp) | 950.00 |
| Facilities and Equipment | 22,007.59 |
| Bank fees | <u>15.23</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>88,634.35</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | 7,839.90 |
| Other Income/Expense | |
| Other Income | |
| TILL OVER | <u>119.34</u> |
| Total Other Income | 119.34 |
| Other Expense | |
| TILL SHORT | <u>92.80</u> |
| Total Other Expense | <u>92.80</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>26.54</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>7,866.44</u></u> |

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 12-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH POLE OPPOSING FNSB
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07 “ADOPTING A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX
AND ESTABLISHING A VEHICLE REGISTRATION RESERVE ALLOCATING THE
PROCEEDS TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY RELIEF THROUGH REDUCTION OF
THE AREAWIDE MILL RATE AND FUND FIRE SERVICE AREA CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES”**

WHEREAS, the City Council of North Pole applauds the efforts of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly at proposing real property relief through the reduction of the areawide mill rate; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses in City of North Pole would be negatively affected by this action because the City of North Pole provides its own fire protection and purchases of capital assets and is not a service area of the borough, and therefore not eligible for the use of the proposed ten percent (10%) used for Borough fire service area capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the title to FNSB Ordinance No. 2012-07 implies a reduction of property taxes for the “average Joe” borough property taxpayer. The average North Pole city property owner has a minimum of two vehicles. The North Pole “average Joe’s” minimum property value would have to be \$245,902 based upon a proposed tax relief of .61 mills to receive tax parity. But according to the current Real Estate Market Report for North Pole* dated January 16, 2012, of a total 150 contracts closed in the last 6 months, the average sold price is only \$213,019; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska would retain a reported 8%, or approximately \$1 million of a possible \$12 million collected, the benefit applied to the borough taxpayer is further reduced; and

WHEREAS, the IRS allows for a deduction for payment of property tax or sales tax, the non-commercial motor vehicle registration tax/fee appears not to be an IRS tax deduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council urges the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly to not adopt FNSB Ordinance No. 2012-07

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance be forwarded to the FNSB Mayor and Assembly and to the City of Fairbanks Mayor and Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF February, 2012.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Weber, CMC, City Clerk

* Real Estate Market Report, North Pole, provided by Madden Real Estate, January 16, 2012.

REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT NORTH POLE



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Monday, January 16

2012

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Wes Madden

www.WesMadden.com
Wes@Wesmadden.com
907-452-3000



REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT NORTH POLE

Monday, January 16, 2012

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Wes@Wesmadden.com
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Let's take a look

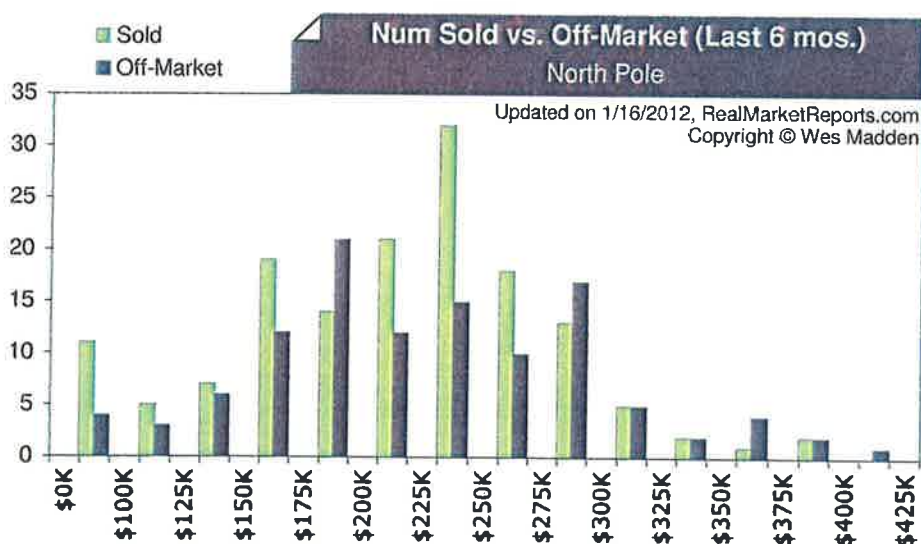
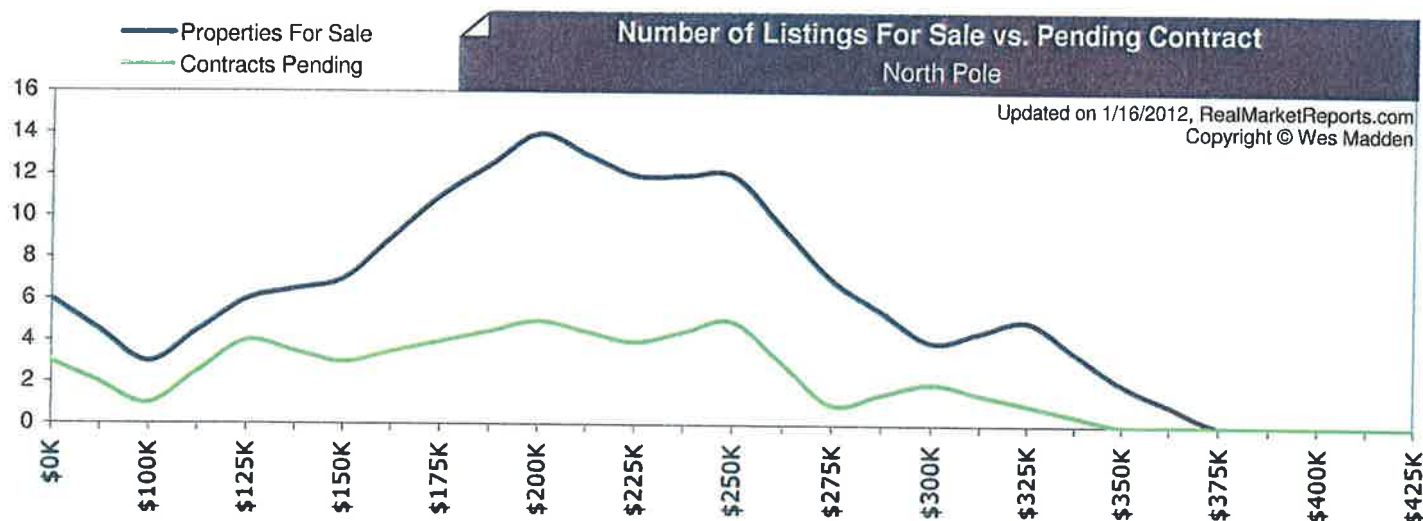
at the real estate market. Currently there are 33 sales pending in the market overall, leaving 89 listings still for sale. The resulting pending ratio is 27.0% (33 divided by 122). So you might be asking yourself, that's great... but what exactly does it mean? I'm glad you asked!

The pending ratio indicates the supply & demand of the market. Specifically, a high ratio means that listings are in demand and quickly going to contract. Alternatively, a low ratio means there are not enough qualified buyers for the existing supply.

"Current inventory is described as mildly active."

Taking a closer look, we notice that the \$200K - \$225K price range has a relatively large number of contracts pending sale.

We also notice that the \$200K - \$225K price range has a relatively large inventory of properties for sale at 14 listings. The average list price (or asking price) for all properties in this market is \$219,384.



A total of 150 contracts have closed in the last 6 months with an average sold price of \$213,019. Breaking it down, we notice that the \$225K - \$250K price range contains the highest number of sold listings.

Alternatively, a total of 116 listings have failed to sell in that same period of time. Listings may fail to sell for many reasons such as being priced too high, having been inadequately marketed, the property was in poor condition, or perhaps the owner had second thoughts about selling at this particular time. The \$175K - \$200K price range has the highest number of off-market listings at 21 properties.

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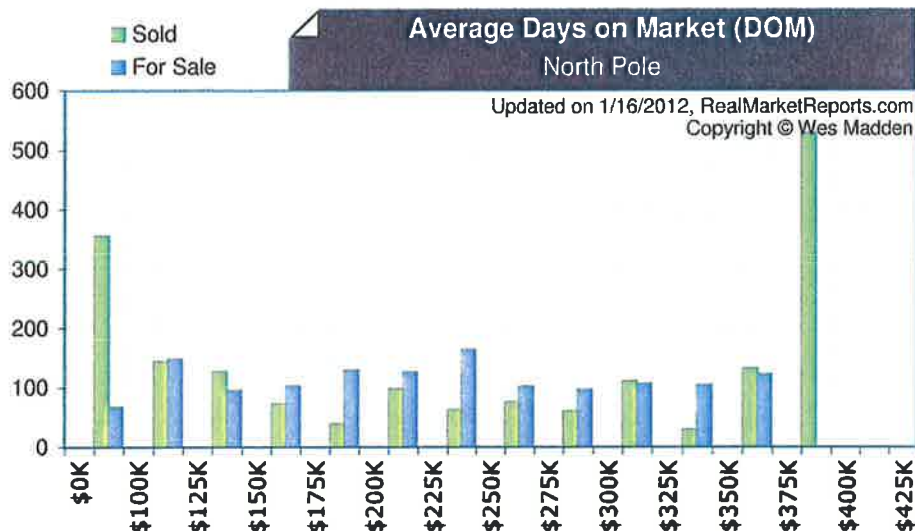
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Looking at the chart to the right, you might be wondering why average days on market (DOM) is important. This is a useful measurement because it can help us to determine whether we are in a buyer's market (indicated by high DOM), or a seller's market (indicated by low DOM). Active listings (properties for sale) have been on the market for an average of 118 days.

Analysis of sold properties for the last six months reveals an average sold price of \$213,019 and 104 days on market. Notice that properties in the \$325K - \$350K price range have sold quickest over the last six months.

The recent history of sales can be seen in the two charts below. The average sold price for the last 30 days was \$213,019 with an average DOM of 104 days.

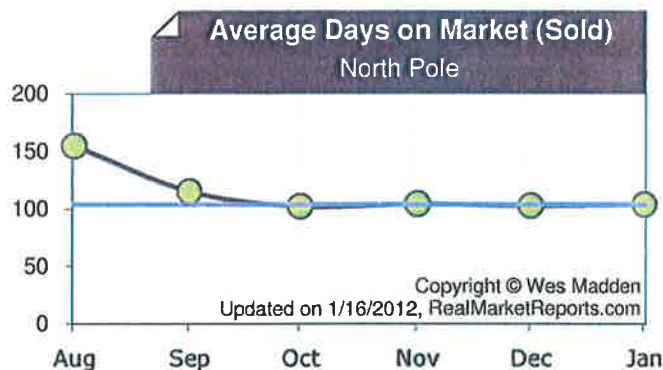
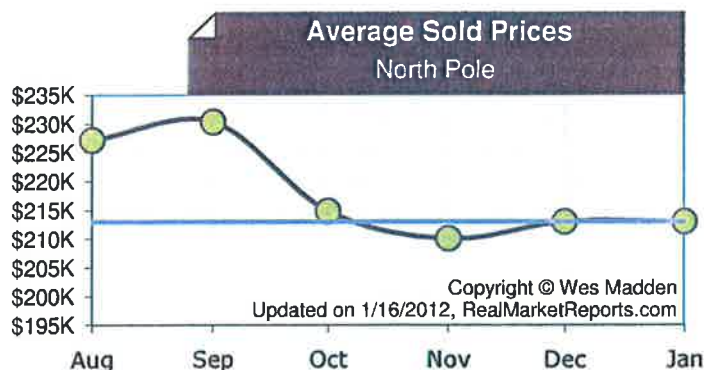
Since the recent DOM is greater than the average DOM for the last 6 months, it is a negative indicator for demand. It is always important to realize that real estate markets can fluctuate due to many factors, including shifting interest rates, the economy, or seasonal changes.



"The average list-to-sales ratio for this area is 98.4%."

Ratios are simple ways to express the difference between two values such as list price and sold price. In our case, we typically use the list-to-sale ratio to determine the percentage of the final list price that the buyer ultimately paid. It is a very common method to help buyers decide how much to offer on a property.

Analysis of the absorption rate indicates an inventory of 3.6 months based on the last 6 months of sales. This estimate is often used to determine how long it would take to sell off the current inventory of properties if all conditions remained the same. It is significant to mention that this estimate does not take into consideration any additional properties that will come onto the market in the future.



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| | | | | | Contracts Pending ^[2] | | Off-Market in the Last 6 Months ^[3] | | | | | Absorption Rate | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| | | For Sale ^[1] | | | | | Sold in the Last 6 Months ^[4] | | | | | | | |
| Price Range | | Total Num | Avg DOM | Avg List Price | Total Num | Pending Ratio | Total Num | Total Num | Avg DOM | Avg Orig List Price | Avg List Price | Avg Sold Price | List to Sales | Mos. |
| Min. | Max. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$0 | \$99,999 | 6 | 69 | \$ 74,133 | 3 | 33.3% | 4 | 11 | 357 | \$ 89,259 | \$ 84,250 | \$ 78,177 | 92.8% | 3.3 |
| \$100,000 | \$124,999 | 3 | 150 | \$ 119,933 | 1 | 25.0% | 3 | 5 | 145 | \$ 130,340 | \$ 117,960 | \$ 116,100 | 98.4% | 3.6 |
| \$125,000 | \$149,999 | 6 | 97 | \$ 140,650 | 4 | 40.0% | 6 | 7 | 128 | \$ 153,486 | \$ 141,543 | \$ 137,000 | 96.8% | 5.1 |
| \$150,000 | \$174,999 | 7 | 104 | \$ 165,014 | 3 | 30.0% | 12 | 19 | 74 | \$ 174,721 | \$ 166,705 | \$ 161,653 | 97.0% | 2.2 |
| \$175,000 | \$199,999 | 11 | 131 | \$ 189,100 | 4 | 26.7% | 21 | 14 | 40 | \$ 189,343 | \$ 187,657 | \$ 185,757 | 99.0% | 4.7 |
| \$200,000 | \$224,999 | 14 | 128 | \$ 213,421 | 5 | 26.3% | 12 | 21 | 99 | \$ 212,105 | \$ 215,829 | \$ 211,891 | 98.2% | 4.0 |
| \$225,000 | \$249,999 | 12 | 165 | \$ 234,700 | 4 | 25.0% | 15 | 32 | 64 | \$ 240,038 | \$ 237,684 | \$ 237,044 | 99.7% | 2.3 |
| \$250,000 | \$274,999 | 12 | 103 | \$ 265,500 | 5 | 29.4% | 10 | 18 | 77 | \$ 273,429 | \$ 265,812 | \$ 263,681 | 99.2% | 4.0 |
| \$275,000 | \$299,999 | 7 | 98 | \$ 287,771 | 1 | 12.5% | 17 | 13 | 61 | \$ 297,931 | \$ 290,200 | \$ 286,900 | 98.9% | 3.2 |
| \$300,000 | \$324,999 | 4 | 108 | \$ 313,450 | 2 | 33.3% | 5 | 5 | 112 | \$ 330,440 | \$ 315,160 | \$ 306,680 | 97.3% | 4.8 |
| \$325,000 | \$349,999 | 5 | 105 | \$ 332,620 | 1 | 16.7% | 2 | 2 | 31 | \$ 394,500 | \$ 349,950 | \$ 346,200 | 98.9% | 15.0 |
| \$350,000 | \$374,999 | 2 | 123 | \$ 359,950 | 0 | 0.0% | 4 | 1 | 133 | \$ 399,500 | \$ 399,500 | \$ 372,000 | 93.1% | 12.0 |
| \$375,000 | \$399,999 | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | 2 | 2 | 529 | \$ 413,750 | \$ 396,200 | \$ 386,250 | 97.5% | - |
| \$400,000 | \$424,999 | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$425,000 | + | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | 2 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Market Summary >>> | | 89 | 118 | \$ 219,384 | 33 | 27.0% | 116 | 150 | 104 | \$ 221,846 | \$ 216,434 | \$ 213,019 | 98.4% | 3.6 |

Date Range = 07/18/2011 to 01/16/2012

Status = [1] ACT; [2] PND; [3] EXP, WDN; [4] SLD

Area = 50, 60

Type = SINGLE FAMILY

Data believed to be accurate but not guaranteed.

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1. PROPERTIES FOR SALE

- a. **Number Active:** The number of listings for sale which are currently being marketed but do not yet have a purchase agreement.
- b. **Average Days on Market (DOM):** The average marketing period of currently active listings. This does not account for some listings which have had a previous listing period, but were re-entered as a new listing.
- c. **Average List Price:** The average price that a seller is currently asking.

2. CONTRACTS PENDING

- a. **Number Pending:** The number of current listings for which a contract has been signed but has not yet closed.
- b. **Pending Ratio:** Sometimes called a "list-to-pending ratio". This is a measure of how fast properties are going under contract vs. how fast they are being listed.

$$\text{Pending Ratio} = \frac{P \text{ (Number of Pending Listings)}}{A+P \text{ (Number of Active + Pending)}}$$

(P) represents properties that buyers have chosen

(A+P) represents the entire pool from which they have chosen

3. OFF-MARKET

- a. **Number Off-Market:** The number of listing agreements that have failed to close in the last 6 months. Some owners may choose to reoffer their property for sale.

4. PROPERTIES SOLD

- a. **Number Sold:** The number of properties that have gone to a closing in the last 6 months.
- b. **Average Days on Market (DOM):** The average marketing time it has taken properties to sell in the last 6 months.
- c. **Average Original List Price:** The average price at which a sold property was originally marketed.
- d. **Average List Price:** The average price at which a sold property was marketed just prior to selling.
- e. **Average Sold Price:** The average price for which a property sold.
- f. **List to Sales Ratio:** The percentage of the list price that the buyer ultimately paid for the property.

$$\text{List to Sales Ratio} = \frac{\text{Average Sold Price}}{\text{Average List Price}}$$

5. OTHER

- a. **Absorption Rate / Months of Inventory:** An estimate of how fast listings are currently selling measured in months. For example, if 100 properties sell per month and there are 800 properties for sale - there is an 8 month supply of inventory before counting the additional properties that will come on the market.

By: Nadine Winters
Matt Want
Introduced: January 26, 2012

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - 07

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX AND
ESTABLISHING A VEHICLE REGISTRATION RESERVE ALLOCATING THE
PROCEEDS TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY RELIEF THROUGH REDUCTION OF
THE AREAWIDE MILL RATE AND FUND FIRE SERVICE AREA CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, municipalities may request the state to levy a motor vehicle
registration tax in their municipality and receive the proceeds, minus a collection fee;
and

WHEREAS, approximately seventeen other municipalities including the
Municipality of Anchorage, Juneau, Mat-Su Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough,
currently levy a motor vehicle registration tax; and

WHEREAS, unlike property taxes, revenue from the motor vehicle
registration tax can be allocated to all borough taxing jurisdictions (areawide,
nonareawide and service areas); and

WHEREAS, through application of the borough's revenue cap, revenue
received from the motor vehicle registration tax will reduce the total allowable tax
revenue derived from real property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
North Star Borough:

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Section 1. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified.

Section 2. Title Three of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code is amended to add Chapter 3.56 as follows:

3.56.010 Tax levy on motor vehicle registration. There is levied in the borough a motor vehicle registration tax pursuant to the provisions of AS 28.10.431 as such statute may be hereafter amended, revised, or replaced according to the following schedules:

A. There is a biennial tax levied in the borough upon motor vehicle subject to the State of Alaska's registration fee. The biennial tax shall be according to the following schedule:

| <u>VEHICLE TYPE</u> | <u>BIENNIAL TAX ACCORDING TO AGE OF VEHICLE SINCE MODEL YEAR</u> | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> | <u>5th</u> | <u>6th</u> | <u>7th</u> | <u>8th or over</u> |
| <u>1. Motorcycle</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> |
| <u>2. Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1): Noncommercial passenger vehicles, motor homes, and low speed vehicles</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>3. Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(3): Taxicabs</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>4. Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c)(1)—(4): commercial vehicles for hire based on unladen weight of</u> | | | | | | | | |

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| | <u>a. 5,000 pounds or less</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| | <u>b. 5,001—12,000 pounds</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>110</u> |
| | <u>c. 12,001—18,000 pounds</u> | <u>330</u> | <u>330</u> | <u>330</u> | <u>330</u> | <u>330</u> | <u>170</u> | <u>170</u> | <u>170</u> |
| | <u>d. 18,001 pounds and over</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>464</u> | <u>428</u> | <u>392</u> | <u>356</u> | <u>320</u> | <u>284</u> | <u>250</u> |
| 5. | <u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(4): Motor buses with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| 6. | <u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(6): Noncommercial trailers, including rental trailers</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 7. | <u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(d)(8): Amateur mobile radio station vehicles</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| 8. | <u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(2): Pick up trucks or vans not exceeding 10,000 pounds unladen weight and not registered in the name of a company or business</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>130</u> | <u>120</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>70</u> |
| 9. | <u>Vehicles eligible for dealer plates under AS 28.10.421(d)(9):</u> | <u>150</u> | | | | | | | |

B. Should a motor vehicle for any reason be subject to an annual tax in lieu of a biennial tax then the annual tax shall be half of the biennial tax rate for that vehicle as specified in subsection A.

Section 3. Vehicle Registration Reserve and Allocation of Revenue.
There is hereby established a separate cost center, within the appropriate fund, to be

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entitled the Vehicle Registration Reserve. The Vehicle Registration Reserve shall be used to account for the cash placed into it by collecting vehicle registration fees. Such fees will be accumulated for two purposes: 1) ninety percent (90%) will be used as a revenue source in future budgets to reduce the areawide mill rate, and 2) ten percent (10%) will be used for Borough fire service area capital expenditures. All expenditures of these funds must be made by an appropriation ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2013.


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Borough Municipal Clerk

Diane Hutchison
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



A. René Broker
Borough Attorney

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