

HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION No. 15-01-610

Draft

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by AS 12.55.135.

~~**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough through the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has requested Municipal Matching Grant funding for Haines Sewer Treatment Plant Health and Safety Upgrades; and~~

WHEREAS, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135 establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, port and harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimums established in AS 12.55.135 for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.1355 (Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors) which establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, firefighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Janice Hill, Mayor

Attest:

Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk