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Agenda Bill No.: 24-1369

Assembly Meeting Date: 03/26/24

Business Item Description:	Attachments:
Subject: Imposing Port Development, Impact and Cultural Preservation Fee	1. Resolution 24-03-1106
Originator: Tourism Director	
Originating Department: Tourism	
Date Submitted: 3/19/24	

Full Title/Motion:
Motion: Adopt Resolution 24-03-1106

Administrative Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:			
Expenditure Required	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Required	Projected Impact to Future Operating Budgets
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Increase of \$9 per cruise passenger

Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review:	
Comp Plan Goals/Objectives:	Consistent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Summary Statement:
<p>Purpose: By implementing these fees, the Haines Borough seeks to ensure that cruise lines can adjust their pricing models accordingly and contribute towards the maintenance, enhancement, and cultural preservation of the port and surrounding community.</p> <p>This Resolution was suggested by the Tourism Department and has been supported by both the Finance Committee and the Commerce Committee.</p>

Referral:	
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Recommendation:	Meeting Date:

Assembly Action:	
Meeting Date(s): 03/26/24	Public Hearing Date(s): 03/26/24
	Postponed to Date:

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting Port Development, Impact and Cultural Preservation Fees for Cruise Passengers.

Whereas, port fees enable communities to allocate resources efficiently towards maintaining and enhancing port infrastructure, prioritizing essential projects that contribute to economic prosperity and safety; and

Whereas, implementing port fees demonstrates a commitment to investing in the community's assets, showcasing a proactive approach to preserving and enhancing the value of the port as a vital component of the town's economic and social fabric; and

Whereas, charging port fees ensures that those who benefit directly from the port facilities contribute their fair share towards its upkeep, rather than placing the burden on taxpayers or relying on grants; and

Whereas, by establishing a sustainable revenue stream through port fees, the Haines community can engage in long-term planning for infrastructure development and maintenance, avoiding the pitfalls of short-term fixes and budget constraints; and

Whereas, well-maintained port facilities, funded through port fees, enhance the community's competitiveness in attracting businesses, tourists, and investors, stimulating economic growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, a Cultural Preservation Fee provides a tangible way for cruise ship passengers to contribute to the preservation and promotion of Indigenous traditions and practices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY that it commits to collaboratively work with the Chilkoot Indian Association in supporting the development of port fees which will support economic activity at port facilities so that cruise passengers may contribute toward the maintenance, enhancement, and cultural preservation of the port and surrounding community, effective October 2nd (following the conclusion of the last scheduled ship of the 2024 season):

Port Development Fee: \$5 for each cruise passenger.

Impact Fee: \$3 for each cruise passenger.

Cultural Preservation Fee: \$1 for each cruise passenger.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 26th day of March, 2024.

Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

Attest:

Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk