

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2016-076**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEWARD, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF
PORT AND HARBOR EMPLOYEES TO THE LIST OF
EMPLOYEES COVERED BY ALASKA STATUTE 12.55.135**

WHEREAS, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors 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 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA that:

Section 1. That it supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. 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, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 21st day of November 2016.

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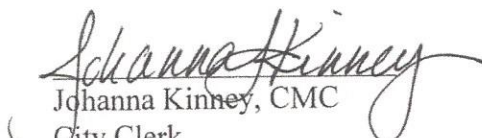
THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA



Jean Bardarson, Mayor

AYES: Squires, McClure, Slater, Bardarson
NOES: Casagrande, Keil, Altermatt
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Johanna Kinney, CMC
City Clerk

(City Seal)

