

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING REQUESTS FOR ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION MUNICIPAL MATCHING GRANTS FOR LANDFILL AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADES**

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WHEREAS, the safe, sustainable disposal of Dillingham's human waste is the City's top priority and includes three interrelated but separate systems; the wastewater treatment plant, the wastewater collection system, and the landfill; and

WHEREAS, all of these systems have documented serious deficiencies and violations:

- The wastewater collection system does not meet current engineering standards and its lift stations have significant risks to health and safety;
- The condition of the landfill and wastewater treatment plant operations have been documented as out of compliance for years;
- In a letter of March 8, 2012, the ADEC informed the City that it must have another method of waste disposal than burning its waste in a burn box no later than the current permit expiration date of June, 1, 2014; and
- The lack of proper septage and sludge disposal facilities affects the functioning of the whole system and has resulted in chronic permit violations in the wastewater treatment lagoon effluent;

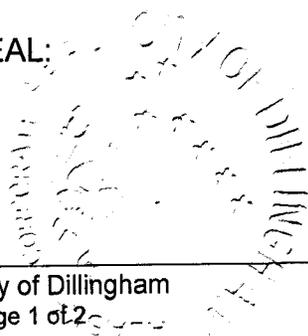
WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham is requesting grant funding for upgrades to its entire wastewater and solid waste infrastructure: wastewater treatment plant, wastewater collection system and landfill; and

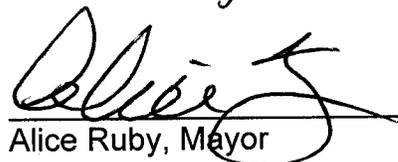
WHEREAS, water and sewer system improvements were identified as a health and safety priority in the 2003 Dillingham Water and Sewer Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council approves the submittal of online questionnaires for wastewater collection system and landfill upgrades to the ADEC Municipal Matching Grant Program; and further notes that these are interrelated components to the City's number one priority for state funding: wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

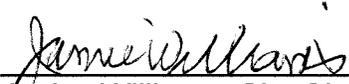
PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on Aug. 9, 2012.

SEAL:



  
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Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Janice Williams, City Clerk

**Subject:** A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council supporting the submittal of questionnaires to the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation for Municipal Matching Grant funds for the landfill and wastewater collection system upgrades

Agenda of: August 9, 2012

Council Action:

Manager: Recommend approval.  
 City Manager: Rose Loera  
 Rose Loera, City Manager

Route To:	Department / Individual	Initials	Remarks
X	Finance Director / Carol Shade	CS	
X	Public Works Director / Malcolm Brown	MB	
X	Planner / Jody Seitz	JS	
X	City Clerk / Janice Williams	JW	

**Fiscal Note:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Funds Available: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Attachment(s):** None

**Summary Statement.**

The attached resolution is to express support for questionnaires that the City Planning and Public Works Departments are submitting to ADEC for funding for two projects that are part of the City's waste management system – the landfill and the wastewater collection (sewer) system upgrades. The process is two steps: 1.) fill out online questionnaires that are prioritized by ADEC. If the questionnaire submittal is ranked high, then, 2.) the ADEC invites the entity to apply for a grant. These two projects are so closely related to the wastewater treatment plant (sewage and septage disposal both potentially involve landfill structures that can handle sludge and septage) that staff felt it was important to submit a resolution supporting submittal of both, despite the fact that only one project (the wastewater treatment plant upgrades) can be identified as the City's number one priority for all state funding.