

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL THE REINSTATEMENT OF A FULL \$60 MILLION INTO THE REVENUE SHARING FUND ON A YEARLY BASIS WITH A ONE-YEAR APPROPRIATION OF \$8 MILLION TO THE FUND WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2015**

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WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham is appreciative to the Governor and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and

WHEREAS, this money is a small share of the resource funding that is provided to the State; and

WHEREAS, \$60 million is also a small part of the total state-wide budget for the year; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, in the past 2014 Legislative Session, the amount deposited in the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million; and

WHEREAS, the larger municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the smaller municipalities use these funds to provide basic services, such as snow removal, public building maintenance, harbor upkeep, fuel and insurance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham revenue sharing is approximately \$210,000 a year and is a major pot of funding for operations; and

WHEREAS, without these funds the City of Dillingham would have to reduce services;

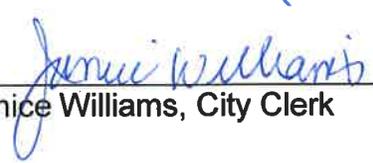
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council requests the Alaska State Legislature to reinstate the amount of \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund and also that the Alaska State Legislature appropriate an additional \$8 million to the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on February 5, 2015.

  
Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

[SEAL]

  
Janice Williams, City Clerk



**Subject:**

A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council the reinstatement of a full \$60 million into the Revenue Sharing Fund on a yearly basis with a one-year appropriation of \$8 million of the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015

City Manager: Recommend Approval

Signature: Roseberry

Route to	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director	<i>Carol Shade</i>	<i>1/29/15</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>J. Williams</i>	<i>1/29/15</i>

Fiscal Note:  Yes  No

Funds Available:  Yes  No

**Other Attachments:**

- None

**Summary Statement:**

There is some discussion at the State level of reducing or removing the Revenue Sharing Fund. Revenue Sharing is one of the priorities with the Alaska Municipal League (AML) and they are encouraging municipalities to pass resolutions in support of maintaining Revenue Sharing at past funding level of \$60 million. AML passed a resolution last fall in support of Revenue Sharing. They will be taking their resolution as well as all other municipalities that pass them to the legislature this session.

The City of Dillingham received approximate \$210,000 this past year. The City needs this funding to continue current operations and would have to seriously look at a reduction in operations if this funding was lost.



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Summary Statement continued:

