



## *Eklutna Valley Community Council*

### **RESOLUTION 2019-01**

#### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ASSEMBLY DESIGNATE EKLUTNA VALLEY AS A 'SECURE TRASH REGULATION ZONE' PURSUANT TO ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 15.110.070**

WHEREAS, the Assembly has revised its trash handling ordinance to address the problem of bears and other wildlife getting into trash containers; and

WHEREAS, one new provision – which is not scheduled to take effect until March 1, 2020 – allows the municipal manager or designee to recommend that the Assembly designate “an area, neighborhood, or specific location to be a secure trash regulation zone”; and

WHEREAS, the designation must be based on a determination that 1) the area “has experienced wildlife in trash, the presence of wildlife has greatly increased the likelihood of wildlife in trash, or any other potential wildlife-in-trash hazard exists,” and 2) “the designation is in the best interests of the municipality”; and

WHEREAS, the Eklutna Valley Community Council is located in Eklutna Valley and encompasses all of the privately owned land within the valley east of the Old Glenn Highway; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna Valley is one of the most remote and least populated areas in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, we have every reason to believe that Eklutna Valley is inhabited by more bears than people, bears are often seen by residents and visitors, and residents with improperly secured trash have attracted bears; and

WHEREAS, most of the remainder of Eklutna Valley is within (or on Eklutna, Inc., land managed by) Chugach State Park, and the largest campground in the municipality is in the valley; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of people visit the Eklutna Valley portion of the park annually, and many sleep in tents; and

WHEREAS, improperly secured food and trash (both private and park-related) is known to increase the likelihood of property damage and the potentially hazardous habituation


of bears that are attracted to and then rewarded by human food and trash; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna Valley satisfies all of the ordinance's thresholds for designation as a 'secure trash regulation zone'; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Eklutna Valley Community Council requests that the municipal manager or designee recommend that Eklutna Valley be designated a 'secure trash regulation zone' and that the Assembly recognize that request by resolution as provided in AMC 15.110.070; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, after designation, the municipal manager ensure that notice is given to all owners and residents of real property located in Eklutna Valley.

Passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

  
Margan Grover, President