

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY19-16**

**A RESOLUTION TO ASSURE THE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE OF MATCHING THE
EXPANSION OF CITY SERVICES TO THE GROWTH OF THE POPULATION AND
SUBSEQUENT INCREASE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AS REFLECTED IN LOCAL TAX AND
FEE REVENUES**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus payroll expenses have increased over the past 4 years, and the city from time to time considers adding more staff positions and expanding services; and,

WHEREAS, 152 local people signed a petition in July 2019, requesting the City of Gustavus slow municipal growth and services by linking that growth to tax and fee revenues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Gustavus shall take a measured approach to expand city services only when population growth and revenue growth, or other savings, can sustain these services over the long term;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council shall prepare and manage a conservatively balanced operating budget annually, in accordance with State law and with best municipal practice, that considers carefully the potential for unanticipated reductions in revenue, or increases in costs due to emergencies, as may occur during the fiscal year or in future fiscal years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City shall prepare and manage a capital improvement budget annually and approve capital improvement projects only from existing saved funds from previous years or from approved grant funds and shall consider operating costs that may affect the operating budgets of future years, and/or the long-term sustainability of the constructed capital project.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 16th day of September, 2019, and effective upon adoption.



Calvin Casipit, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt, City Clerk