

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY19-17**

**A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE PRACTICE OF ACTIVE OUTREACH BY THE CITY OF
GUSTAVUS COUNCIL MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus envisions a distinctive community “where all members take social responsibility and actively participate in decision making affecting growth, development, regulation, and enforcement”; and,

WHEREAS, a citizen led petition in July 2019, resulted in nearly as many signatures as the number of votes cast in the last municipal election, showing signers support of the petition activity as a valid means of participation in decision making; and,

WHEREAS, the 152 petition signers represented more than the number of people attending City Council general meetings in the previous 10 months; and,


WHEREAS, the State of Alaska’s Open Meetings Act (AS.44.62.310-.312) requires that all meetings of a public entity’s governmental body be open to the public to ensure that decisions made, and actions taken are public knowledge and represent the will of the public that the governing body serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council shall seek to increase active participation of Gustavus voters in decisions affecting growth, development, regulation, and enforcement by encouraging in-person testimony at formal hearings and during public comment periods, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council will take measures to educate residents about opportunities for public participation within the formal City meeting format, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council members shall **actively solicit public input**, particularly on controversial issues, through the wise use of social and print media, regular town halls, informal opinion polls collected in various public locations, surveys, and special elections where needed, along with any other mechanisms deemed appropriate by Council members to accomplish this goal.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 12th day of August, 2019, and effective upon adoption.



Calvin Casipit, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt, City Clerk