

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS CREATING A SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN FOR SEPTAGE PROCESSING**

**WHEREAS** many Gustavus residences and businesses are equipped with septic systems, but there is no means for processing or disposal of pumped septage in the community, and

**WHEREAS** failure to pump septic tanks periodically can lead to failure of the system with backup, overflow, unpleasant mess, potential environmental and health impacts, and expensive emergency repair, and

**WHEREAS** it is unknown how many septic systems exist in Gustavus, how many would need to be pumped annually, and what means of disposal would best reflect economy, environmental responsibility, and sustainability, and

**WHEREAS** the DRC Committee has discussed the issue at length, reviewing possible sites and means of treatment, and has recommended in its meeting of June 24, 2010 that the septage disposal issue is of sufficient importance and urgency that it should be progressed by a special committee dedicated to that issue solely.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a special committee called the Septage Committee, shall be established with the following mandate:

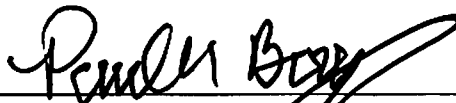
- Determine the market for septage pumping and disposition (disposition to include various means of treatment, use, recycling, or disposal) in Gustavus, including the approximate total number of systems, the number in regular use, the number in only occasional or seasonal use, the number not in use, the net number of systems expected to be pumped annually, and a projection of how those numbers may change in the next decade.
- Explore thoroughly the various means of disposition of pumped septage, their advantages and disadvantages, capital and operating costs, limitations, regulatory requirements, and sustainability.
- Explore sites for septage disposition
- Explore whether septage disposition should be a public, private or joint public/private responsibility.

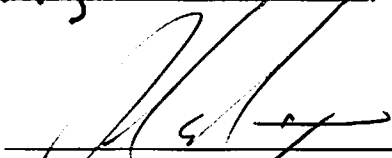
- Explore related issues of design and installation of systems in Gustavus that may additionally inform decision making on this subject.
- Develop an initial scoping document with narrative fleshing out the nature of the problem and the approach the committee intends to take to addressing it.
- Upon approval by the Council of the initial scoping document, develop recommendations to the Council for action or non-action, with supporting feasibility and economic analysis of alternatives considered. If any recommendation is made for City of Gustavus capital investment or on-going operating expense, it shall be supported by a thorough, documented business case demonstrating the tangible and intangible values and costs to the community and to the City of Gustavus.
- The committee shall comprise up to seven members with a mix of technical skills, practical or business experience with septic systems, and consumer interests.

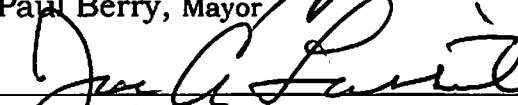
The Special Septage Committee will terminate when the either the Council has adopted a final proposal put forth by the committee or the committee has determined that it has reached the logical conclusion of its purpose.

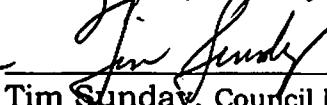
**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

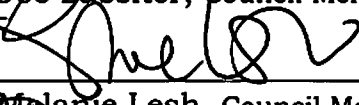
GUSTAVUS, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.


  
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 John Nixon, Vice Mayor

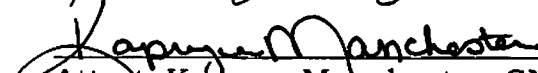
  
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 Attest: Kapryce Manchester, CMC  
 City Clerk