

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2613

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF PORT AND HARBOR EMPLOYEES TO THE LIST OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY AS 12.55.135; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Statute 12.55.135, Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, port and harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimum established in AS 12.55.135 for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and


WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1: By this resolution, the City of Ketchikan supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska Statute 12.55.135, Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

Section 2: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 17th day of December, 2015.



Lew Williams, III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katherine M. Suiter, City Clerk