

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 11/25/19
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2875

A Resolution Encouraging Automatic Vessel Registration with the Division of Motor Vehicles for Vessels Active in the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Database.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Docks and Harbors are members of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators represents small boat harbors and ports across Alaska's coast and rivers; and

WHEREAS, derelict vessels are a large and growing problem at all Alaskan communities, resulting in increased costs to the public, and environmental and navigational hazards; and

WHEREAS, defining ownership and holding individuals responsible for their vessels has been identified as one of the top barriers to effective management to prevent derelict vessels; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the legislature passed Senate Bill 92, the Derelict Vessel Act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to substantially re-writing and updating A.S. 30.30, SB92 also addressed tracking vessel ownership through changes to A.S. 5.25; and

WHEREAS, these changes expanded vessel registration requirements in Alaska effective January 1, 2019, and similar to Washington and other states, Alaska now requires federally documented vessels to also be registered with the state Division of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, many vessel owners around the State were caught unaware of the Division of Motor Vehicles registration requirement, and raised the fact that their vessels are already in the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Database; and

WHEREAS, the intent of SB92 was to better track vessel ownership in Alaska regardless of its engagement in a fishery and across the life of the vessel, which is best accomplished through state registration; and

WHEREAS, vessel registration should be simple, creating minimal added burden to help effectively address the problem of identifying vessel ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators recommends an update to the Alaska statutes directing vessels active in the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Vessel Database be automatically issued Alaska vessel registration numbers, and that the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and the Division of Motor Vehicles create a system for information sharing for that purpose.

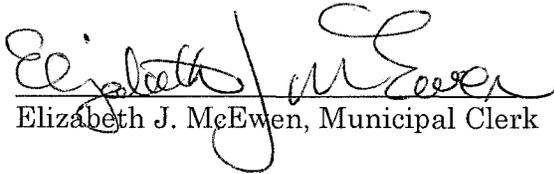
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 25th day of November, 2019.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk