

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2011-028**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,
ALASKA, ENDORSING THE ALASKA CLEAN HARBOR PLEDGE AND
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS THAT RESULT IN A CLEAN
HARBOR CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Clean Harbor Certification is a voluntary process that encourages the use of best management practices at harbor facilities in order to reduce the production of nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Seward Harbor staff has actively participated in the formation of the Clean Harbor program and certification checklist, and wishes to attain a Clean Harbor Certification; and

WHEREAS, the first step toward achieving Alaska Clean Harbor status is to take the Alaska Clean Harbor Pledge; and

WHEREAS, the pledge is voluntary and states that the City will do its part to maintain the quality of Alaska's marine waters, encourage voluntary participation, and promote individual responsibility through education; and

WHEREAS, participating in the Clean Harbor program enables the Seward Harbor to benefit from potential capital improvement funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators has passed a motion endorsing the Clean Harbors Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA that:

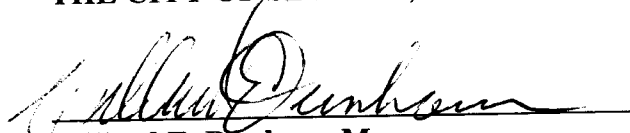
Section 1. The Seward City Council hereby endorses the Alaska Clean Harbor Pledge and expresses its support for further actions that result in a Clean Harbor Certification.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 25th day of April, 2011.

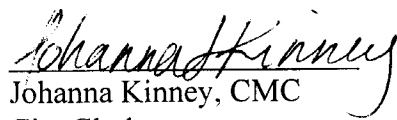
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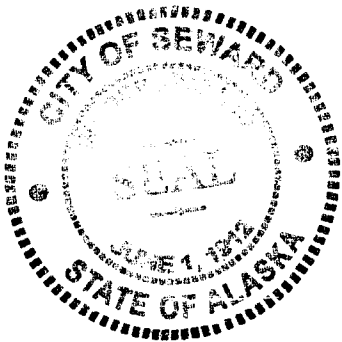

Willard E. Dunham, Mayor

AYES: Valdatta, Smith, Bardarson, Shafer, Keil, Casagrande, Dunham
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Johanna Kinney, CMC
City Clerk

(City Seal)



Council Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: April 25, 2011
Through: Phillip Oates, City Manager
From: Kari Anderson, Harbormaster
Agenda Item: Alaska Clean Harbor Pledge



BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The Clean Harbor Certification is a voluntary process that encourages the use of best management practices at harbor facilities in order to reduce the production of nonpoint source pollution. The Alaska Clean Harbors program can provide the Seward Harbor with signage, educational materials to pass out to customers that detail pollution reduction tips, ideas for funding opportunities to reach Clean Harbor goals, and technical assistance. All of these services are provided free of cost to harbors which have signed an Alaska Clean Harbor Pledge.

The Seward Harbor currently recycles used oil and anti-freeze. In 2010 over 4,910 gallons of used oil was collected and used to heat various city buildings. In 2010 approximately 2,250 gallons of anti-freeze and bilge water were collected and recycled by a private contractor. The Seward City Council approved the Seward Harbor Vessel Repair and Maintenance policy, outlining best management practices for owners and operators conducting routine maintenance on their vessels. The Seward Harbor encourages fishing line recycling, and maintains fish cleaning stations which collect and remove fish waste in an efficient manner. The Clean Harbor Certification will promote environmental leadership and demonstrate Seward's pro-active stewardship of Alaska's marine resources.

INTENT: Endorsing the Alaska Clean Harbor Pledge and expressing support of actions resulting in a clean harbor certification.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST: Where applicable, this agenda statement is consistent with the Seward City Code, Charter, Comprehensive Plans, Land Use Plans, Strategic Plan and City Council Rules of Procedures or Other Plans or Policies:

Yes (*List Below*)

No

SCC §7.10.115- *Protect and preserve public and private property within the harbor and the lives, health, safety and well-being of persons who use, work, or maintain property in the harbor.*

SBH Management Plan- *Goal: Maintain a high level of Environmental Awareness.*

2020 Comprehensive Plan- *Continue to add public amenities and improve the look of the harbor area through landscaping, décor enhancement, and litter control.*

FISCAL NOTE:

Signing the Alaska Clean Harbors pledge has a zero fiscal impact on the Seward Harbor Enterprise fund, however infrastructure improvements, upgrades, and maintenance related to solid and liquid waste management, sewage pumpout stations, and the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels will continue to be a part of the Harbor's annual operating budget.

Approved by Finance Department: *Hunter Krueger*

ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes _____ No X

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approves Resolution 2011-028 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Alaska Clean Harbor pledge and expressing support for actions resulting in a clean harbor certification.