

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 85-17

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS
SERVICE TO EASE RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN-FLAG
PASSENGER SHIPS VISITING ALASKAN PORTS.

WHEREAS, Title 46, United States Code Section 289 provides that no foreign vessel shall transport passengers between ports or places in the United States either directly or by way of a foreign port under penalty of \$200 for each passenger so transported and landed; and

WHEREAS, United States Customs is considering amending its regulations relating to the transportation of passengers by a foreign vessel between ports or places in the United States, either directly or by way of foreign ports; and

WHEREAS, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 4.80a (c)) prohibits foreign ships from remaining in ports for more than 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, in addition to causing administrative problems for customs, the 24 hour rule hurts the economy of the subsequent United States' port; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed regulations, passengers who embark at a United States' port on a foreign vessel touching nearby foreign ports to go ashore temporarily at a subsequent United States' port but reboard the vessel and leave with it when it leaves the port will not be deemed to have been transported in violation of the coastwise laws; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed regulations would allow the Port of Homer to compete for the ever-increasing revenue generated by the cruise ship industry resulting in substantial local employment opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Homer, Alaska that the proposed rules by the Department of the Treasury Customs Service containing the Federal Register, Volume 50, Number 6 dated Wednesday, January 9, 1985 be implemented immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be mailed to the following individuals who are respectfully requested to lend their support to the adoption of the proposed rules:

Senator Ted Stevens,
Senator Frank Murkowski,
Congressman Don Young,
William von Raab, Commissioner of Customs,
and the Homer Chamber of Commerce.

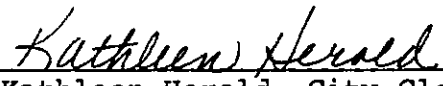
DATED AT HOMER, ALASKA this 25th day of February, 1985.

CITY OF HOMER



Wayne Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen Herold, City Clerk