

RESOLUTION 97-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 28, WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND DISESTABLISH THE ALASKA COASTAL POLICY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the contents of House Bill 28 sponsored by Representative Therriault , which will would repeal the Alaska Coastal Manager Program (ACMP); and

WHEREAS, the ACMP provides an opportunity and voice for coastal communities to participate in decisions affecting their areas; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP provides local governments and citizens with a more equitable share of government authority when dealing with state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP helps facilitate and streamline the review and approval of proposed development projects in coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP has been in existence since 1979 and has been widely viewed as a valuable service and effective voice for coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough receives annual funding to support local coastal planning efforts through federal pass-through funds and state grants and during the FY 93-97, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has received approximately \$521,500 for plan implementation and special projects; and

WHEREAS, these projects include the Kenai River 309 Study and the A.M.S.A. Plan for Pt. Graham/Nanwalek and 323 projects coordinated by State of Alaska, Division of Governmental coordination within the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District, most of which assist the private sector in resolving project conflict (see attachment); and

WHEREAS, as the area continues to grow and the economy continues to diversify, coastal zone management will become more important in directing that growth and diversification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska opposes House Bill 28, which would repeal the Alaska Coastal Management Program and disestablish the Alaska Coastal Policy Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RE[̄]SOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor Knowles, Speaker of the House Phillips, Senator Torgerson, Representative Therriault, and the Coastal Policy Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska this 10th day of March, 1997.

CITY OF HOMER



JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARY L. CALHOUN, CITY CLERK

Fiscal impact relates to pass through funds.