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DENALI BOROUGH, ALAKSA
PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. PC 16-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION OPPOSING THE LEASING OF ALASKA RAILROAD LAND AT RAILROAD MILE POST 388 FOR A MONOFILL AND CLASS 1 LANDFILL.

WHEREAS, Central Monofill Services, Inc. has entered into negotiations with the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) to lease approximately 753 acres surrounding the gravel pit at mile 388 of the Alaska Railroad for 95 years for a monofill and a class 1 landfill, and

WHEREAS, a permit application to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) indicates the monofill/landfill will receive polluted soils, industrial waste, municipal solid waste, as well as Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) and non-RACM; and

WHEREAS, the asbestos alone will make this a site containing hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, monofills have been found to contain other chemicals including lead, arsenic and benzene which are often found in the demolition materials from industrial sites; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the material being placed in the monofill/landfill, this land and the surrounding land will probably no longer be useable for any other development; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the lease, or should the company declare bankruptcy or default on the lease, it is unknown who becomes liable for this monofill/landfill site if a clean-up is required; and

WHEREAS, there have been no positive comments from the local residents on the proposed monofill/landfill; and

WHEREAS, the monofill/landfill does not appear to be beneficial to the borough in any specific way; and

WHEREAS, with two fiber optic cables (highway & railroad), a major highway (Parks Highway), the Alaska Railroad, a 4,000' paved, lighted, expandable runway (Clear Airport), three phase electrical power (GVEA), and excellent potable water, it would be better to put this land to a more productive use than to contaminate it with a monofill/landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission believes this facility is not in the best interest of the Denali Borough.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough Planning Commission opposes the leasing of this site for a Monofill/Landfill.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Denali borough Planning Commission this 20th day of September, 2016.

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Lee Lightfoot, Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

VOTE: PASSED
Absent –