



Sponsor: Lee Burger  
Approved on: July, 18 2023  
Vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

CITY OF THORNE BAY  
RESOLUTION 23-07-05-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, SUPPORTING HB201 AN ACT CHANGING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND SPORT FISHING PRIVILEGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 201 RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING aligns requirements for an individual to receive a resident hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license with the requirement to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend (AS 43.23). With the increased pressure on our limited fish and game resources, it is important to ensure that those who enjoy the lower cost and increased bag limits associated with a resident license are, in fact, full-time residents of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The current definition of residency is too broad and difficult to enforce. Currently, individuals can qualify for a resident license and be indefinitely absent so long as they meet the low threshold of intending to remain in Alaska, maintaining a domicile in Alaska, and not establishing residency elsewhere. Someone who is away from Alaska for most of the year but still currently qualifies as a resident has the same access to our finite fish and game resources as someone who lives in the state 12 months of the year; and

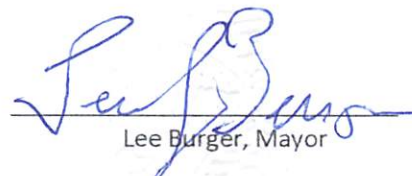
WHEREAS, HB 201 does not prohibit out-of-state hunters or fishermen from coming to Alaska to participate in the state's well-managed hunts and fisheries. Guided hunting and fishing industries are an important part of Alaska's economy. Under this legislation, visitors will still be able to obtain non-resident permits without additional restrictions. HB 201 ensures that those who qualify for a resident hunting, trapping, or sportfishing license are in fact year-round residents of Alaska and are deserving of the increased bag limits and reduced costs that are the privilege of state residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay supports HB201 changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
Lee Burger, Mayor