

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Resolution 2015-04

A RESOLUTION OF AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (AHCC)
STATING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED SALE OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the AHCC learned about the proposed sale of Solid Waste Services (SWS) at its April meeting but had very little information about such a sale,

WHEREAS, according to the AHCC bylaws, the executive board is authorized to make decisions and speak on behalf of the council when the general membership is unable to do so,

WHEREAS, the executive board of AHCC has researched and met to discuss the proposed sale,

WHEREAS, this research indicates that such a sale would most likely result in rate increases for the customers of SWS, which includes most residents of the council area,

WHEREAS, a consultant that was hired to assign a value to SWS in advance of a bid process found that if SWS were to remain a municipal enterprise, it could pay a dividend of five percent and a gross receipts tax of 1.25 percent, which would generate \$672,000 per year that could be used by the municipality to pay for city services,

WHEREAS, the same consultant estimated that the franchise fee the municipality could collect from a subcontractor was \$538,000 per year,

WHEREAS, a proposed sale does not take into account the municipality's responsibility to continue to contribute to PERS after the departure of SWS employees, which may be about 22 percent of payroll and which makes such a sale less attractive,

WHEREAS, the residents of AHCC have a good relationship with the current management of SWS and are satisfied with the collections service that is provided,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AHCC executive board, on behalf of the council, unanimously opposes the proposed sale of Solid Waste Service and urges the Anchorage Municipal Assembly to vote against such a sale.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council executive board on May 11, 2015.



President