

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2025-003
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MUNICIPALITY TO
DESIGNATE GOVERNMENT HILL A SECURE TRASH ZONE

WHEREAS, the Government Hill neighborhood is adjacent to prime bear habitat and because of its location, bears and other wildlife have access to human generated trash; and

WHEREAS, with concern for the safety of both humans and wildlife, in 2015 the Assembly revised the Municipal code to include a “Secure Trash Zone (STZ)” designed to minimize interactions with humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, a letter of support for the Government Hill community designation from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has been received by the GHCC president and is attached; and

WHEREAS, with the designation to an STZ, the Government Hill residents would incur no additional fees for the bear-resistant trash containers; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill community has made several calls to the Alaska Dept of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regarding bears in trash. Calls have also been made to Solid Waste Services (SWS), the trash collectors for the Municipality on Government Hill, with concerns about the interaction between bears and humans; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) has been represented by three of its members in collaboration with SWS, ADF&G, and the Municipality over the past four months; and

WHEREAS, the areas of concern raised at these meetings have been resolved to the satisfaction of the GHCC committee; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Government Hill Community Council requests that its geographical area be placed in the “Secure Trash Zone”

immediately and requests that SWS begin the process of replacing containers with bear-resistant ones.

Resolution (passed/Failed)

Votes: ____yea ____nay ____abstain

Signed: _____

Jody Sola, President
February 20, 2025