

## **City of Coffman Cove**

### **Resolution 10-20**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE OPPOSING “AN INITIATIVE CREATING AN ALASKA ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT” WHICH WILL BE ON THE 2010 ALASKA PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT**

**WHEREAS, on August 24, 2010, an initiative will be on the Alaska primary ballot which will ask the voters to decide if public funds can be used for election campaigns; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Coffman Cove believes that this law goes much deeper than is stated; and**

**WHEREAS, municipalities would be affected in the following way:**

- **Municipalities will NOT be able to hire lobbyists for capital projects or for help with Legislation;**
- **Elected officials will not be able to travel to Juneau to talk with the Legislature unless they pay for their travel and lodging with their own money.**
- **Municipalities will NOT be able to have ANY person lobby unless they are specifically invited by a Legislator.**

**WHEREAS, the City of Coffman Cove depends on a close working relationship with the state legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously disrupt that relationship, to the detriment of all Alaskans; and**

**WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously infringe upon the citizens’ right to communicate with their elected officials; and**

**WHEREAS, holders of state or local government contracts of over \$500 p/year would be prohibited from making political contributions, as well as would their family members; and**

**WHEREAS, if your sister’s husband sells office supplies to any local government, (a P.O. can be construed as a contract), you and the rest of your family will be prohibited from taking part in individual campaigns initiatives and ballot propositions; and**

**WHEREAS, non-profits that receive local or state funds or grants would find that board members and their immediate family could no longer take part in government issues; and**

**WHEREAS, this bill will bring government in the State of Alaska to a virtual stop; and**

**WHEREAS, Alaska’s recent corruption issues did not involve the campaign finance structure and this initiative would NOT have prohibited legislators from taking cash bribes; and**

**WHEREAS, the term “anti-corruption” is a very misleading term used by the proponents of the initiative, as in reality it is a basic attack on our Constitutional rights of free speech and our right to petition our government for redress; and**

**WHEREAS, this initiative has been submitted and funded by a man from New York City; and**

**WHEREAS, he has also filed this initiative in at least three other states; and**

**WHEREAS, this initiative has passed in only one of those states (Colorado) three years ago and was just recently struck down as unconstitutional.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Coffman Cove City Council stands opposed to the “Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor / Vice Mayor**

**Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk**