

Proposed by:	Administration
Vote:	6 Aye   0 Nay   0 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AS THE COMMUNITY PRIORITY PROJECT FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA REGIONAL COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL EXCISE TAX IMPACT FUND.

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Skagway has a resident population of 846 people and yet accommodates more than eighty percent of all cruise ship based passengers visiting Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The impact of more than 800,000 visitors each year severely strains the capability of the current wastewater treatment infrastructure found within the community; and

WHEREAS, The community wishes to address concerns the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has with the current wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Skagway wishes to pursue retrofit of its treatment facility with installation of membrane bioreactor system that will solve issues of regulatory compliance going well into the future; and

WHEREAS, The primary load on the community wastewater treatment facility is caused by the influx of summer cruise ship visitors and temporary staff hired to work during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, The cruise industry is a major economic driver for Alaska and the direct connection of this effort to cruise ship passengers makes use of the Regional Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax Fund a very appropriate funding source for this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway Borough Assembly has designated Improvements to its Wastewater Treatment Facilities as the Community Priority Project for funding from the State of Alaska Regional Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax Fund and urges the Legislature to provide funding in the amount of \$5 million for this effort.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.

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Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marjorie D. Harris, Borough Clerk

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