

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2019-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WAIVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF 14 C.F.R.
PART 380 ON A LIMITED AND EMERGENCY BASIS

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska ("City") has been without regularly scheduled commercial air service since October 17, 2019 because of the crash of PenAir 3296 ("the Crash"); and

WHEREAS, there is no fixed, known date for resumption for regularly scheduled commercial air service and it is reasonably likely Unalaska will be without regularly scheduled commercial air service through at least November 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City is located on an island approximately 800 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City is home to over 4,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no regular ferry service from the City to destination with regular air service to Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the City health and emergency medical facilities are limited to a community clinic; and

WHEREAS, air transportation between the City and Anchorage is essential for public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, air transportation between the City and Anchorage is essential for the local economy, which includes the largest fishing port in the United States; and

WHEREAS, air transportation between Unalaska and Anchorage is important for the comfort and well-being of City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No 2019-56, declaring a local emergency as a result of the absence of regularly scheduled commercial air service to and from Unalaska;

WHEREAS, commercial charter operators duly licensed and qualified by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of Alaska have communicated that they are ready, willing, and able to provide the City regular chartered flights between Unalaska and Anchorage;

WHEREAS, private charter service is currently available, but the high cost of chartering a flight puts such transportation out of reach of persons without the means to charter an entire plane;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to organize charters for the benefit of the community and sell seats on such charters on a non-discriminatory basis and without markup beyond the City's actual costs;

WHEREAS, the City, if waiver is obtained, anticipates organizing three charters, round trip between Unalaska and Anchorage, per week beginning as soon as possible and until such time as regularly scheduled air service resumes, which is anticipated to be not more than several weeks;

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the public and the people of Unalaska for the City to seek and obtain a waiver to the Public Charter operator requirements so that the City may immediately organize charters and make seats available to the public;

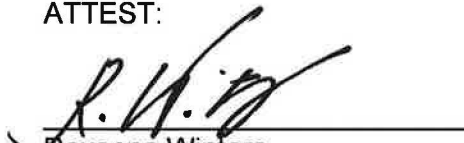
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL requests the U.S. Department of Transportation waive those certain requirements of 14 C.F.R. part 380 and authorize the City to organize charters on the limited and emergency basis set forth herein; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the city manager is authorized to take any action reasonably necessary to obtain and act on such waiver.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on October 29, 2019.


Vincent Tutiakoff
Mayor

ATTEST:


Roxanna Winters
Acting City Clerk

