

**Petersburg Borough, Alaska
RESOLUTION 2019-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POPULATION CAPS WITHIN THE PAYMENT
IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FORMULA**

WHEREAS, through the federal PILT payment, the Department of Interior provides revenue to counties and county equivalents, such as boroughs, to compensate for non-taxable federal acreage within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has found that the current PILT formula places counties and boroughs with populations under 5,000 in an unfavorable position in relation to counties with populations greater than 5,000; and

WHEREAS, at their Annual Conference in July 2018, NACo adopted a resolution titled "Resolution on Amendments to PILT Population Caps"; and

WHEREAS, this resolution "supports amending the PILT formula to extend the population multipliers for local governments with populations in the range 4,000, 3,000, 2,000 and 1,000"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed formula amendments would increase the 4,000 multiplier to have the same ratios as the difference in 50,000 to 40,000 population when compared to 5,000 population, increase the 3,000 multiplier to have the same ratios as the difference in 40,000 and 30,000 population when compared to 4,000 population, and so on down to counties with 1,000 and less population. All local governments would have a minimum payment no less than the population cap of local governments of 1,000 population; and

WHEREAS, at their Annual Conference in November 2018, the Alaska Municipal League approved a resolution of their stated priorities which included supporting "full funding for and recalculation of small community population caps for PILT payments to Alaska municipalities".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly supports NACo's proposed amendments to the population caps within the PILT formula for counties and boroughs with populations under 5,000.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Thompson, Borough Clerk