

Introduced by: Mayor Eberhart  
Council Member Huntington  
Council Member Rogers  
Council Member Matherly  
Council Member Cleworth  
Council Member Pruhs  
Finance Committee Review: July 5, 2016  
Introduced: July 11, 2016

**RESOLUTION NO. 4753, AS AMENDED**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REJECT  
PROPOSALS FOR A STATEWIDE GENERAL SALES TAX**

**WHEREAS**, one of the issues to be considered in the fifth special session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska Legislature, scheduled to begin on July 11, is the imposition of a statewide sales and use tax; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has reserved for itself the right to impose a tax on income, thereby, leaving a sales tax as one of the revenue sources available for local governments to fund the needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 40 municipalities in Alaska currently impose a sales tax, with varying rates, limitations, and exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, a statewide sales tax would be in addition to existing municipal sales taxes and would cause collection and auditing problems due to varying exemptions and purchase price limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, retail outlets on military bases and internet sales would be exempt from state sales taxes and, unfortunately, would benefit at the expense of Alaska retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing all of these problems would require a very complex piece of legislation, one that should not be imposed absent careful consideration of the consequences on local governments and local economies.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairbanks City Council respectfully requests that the Alaska Legislature reject any proposals for a statewide general sales tax; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Fairbanks City Council and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker and members of the Interior Delegation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 11th day of July 2016.


  
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John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES: Matherly, Cleworth, Rogers, Huntington, Pruhs  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Gatewood  
APPROVED: July 11, 2016

ATTEST:

  
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D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Paul Ewers, City Attorney