By: Mayor Cleworth Introduced: April 11, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 4469

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 100, REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("PERS")

WHEREAS, by the 2008 passage of Senate Bill 125, the Alaska Legislature adopted a fair and equitable system where all municipal employers pay a flat 22% rate of salary to fund current costs and the unfunded liability of the PERS system; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, a new regulation, 2 AAC 35.235, was adopted which is in conflict with the approach taken by SB 125. The new regulation imposed "termination studies" with punitive measures on communities that have elected to terminate participation for a department, group or employee classication. The City is concerned that loss of grant funded poisitons could trigger these termination penalties. A full explanation of the issue is contained in the material attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a solution to this problem has been formulated and brought forth in Senate Bill 100; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 100 would repeal 2 AAC 35.235 and amend state statutes to end termination penalties while requiring municipalities to maintain overall PERS payrolls no lower than the 2008 level; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and other Alaskan municipalities support Senate Bill 100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks supports adoption of Senate Bill 100.

Passed, Approved, and Effective this 11th Day of April, 2011.

Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES:

PASSED and APPROVED on Consent Agenda

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Eberhart

APPROVED:

April 11, 2011

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jarrey Hovenden, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney