

Introduced by: Council Members Cleworth, Marney,
Rogers, Ringstad, Tidwell, and Sprinkle
Introduced: April 24, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5063

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

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, studies have shown that sales taxes are extremely regressive; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 municipalities in Alaska currently impose general or other sales taxes, 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 some internet sales would be exempt from state sales taxes and, unfortunately, would receive a benefit at the expense of Alaska retailers; and

WHEREAS, addressing all of these problems would require a very complex piece of legislation and would be costly to implement, audit, and sustain.

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 Dunleavy, members of the Interior Delegation, and the Alaska Municipal League.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th Day of April 2023.

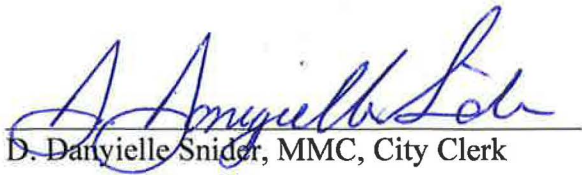


David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: Sprinkle, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: April 24, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk


Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney