
Subject: FW: no revision of sales tax

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Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 12:19 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni

Subject: no revision of sales tax

I would not like to see the sales tax raised. I have a retail gallery and all customers and those particularly from Anchorage already are unhappy with paying any tax at all. This, if passed, will only decrease sales. I am against it. Thank you, Irene Randolph, Fireweed Gallery Homer

Subject: FW: Oppose Ordinance 2011-06

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Subject: Oppose Ordinance 2011-06

Dear President Knopp and Assembly Members:

Local small businesses are already hurting in this economy, as are local consumers.

Increasing the sales tax cap to \$2500 will harm financially local small business service providers (such as lawyers) and local small business vendors (such as appliance sellers) who do not fit within one of the many categories exempt from sales tax; and will harm financially local consumers who want to use local service providers or want to buy products locally.

Lawyers are already treated unfairly under the Borough sales tax code as compared to some other categories of service providers, because lawyers are required to charge monthly sales taxes on each monthly bill, while some other service providers are not. An example of how this can financially harm local consumers are cases involving divorces, custody and child support disputes, all of which can be expensive on a monthly basis for consumers who need those services. Increasing the sales tax to \$2500 means that consumers will have to pay \$150 (an increase of \$120) per month that services cost \$2500, when they are already suffering all kinds of stress, including economic stress, instead of \$30 per month.

Ordinance No. 2011-06 will hurt local small businesses and local consumers. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 11:56 AM
Subject: OBJECTION TO THE RAISING OF INCREASED SALES TAX

Dear Johni:

Please advise all council members, and Mayor Carey that as a Soldotna business owner I am opposed to any increase of any kind to a sales tax cap increase.

It will cause a trickle down taxation on all tentants in rentral positions and then to their clients.

This is not a good move at this time with our economy failing and I believe it would drive people into leaving our area to Anchorage.for big ticket items.

I request to to be put on record against this ordinance 2011-06.

Respectfully,

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May 3, 2011

Mr. Gary Knopp, President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and
Assembly Members

Good Afternoon,

Briefly:::

Ord. 2011-06 ---- The Assembly has looked at this issue a number of times over the years, but this year I think raising the limit to \$1,000 would work. The largest concern in the past was folks driving to Anchorage to purchase larger items, tax free. However, with the dramatic increase in fuel costs, I think that threat is somewhat eased.

My continuing concern is for those paying rental. They in effect are then charged a property tax, in addition to their rental. For lower income, this is particularly difficult. If there is some way to exempt them, I would urge that.

Ord. 2011-07 Having had the privilege of serving Seldovia for nine years, I hear their pain. They are a first class city, not on the road system, with far more issues to deal with than any other entity in the Borough. I have to concur with Ms. Carluccio. If the Borough is so determined to cut costs, there are many times a meeting could be combined to one a month. A study of past history, would be a guide for those months where only one meeting is needed, and could be so calendared. I do not support this ordinance. Planning is an integral part of the Borough's mandated functions. And yes, there are some costs associated with it. Please retain the Commission as it now is.

Ord. 2011-08 Funding for the Homer Transfer Site. I think this is absolutely needed and I hope you will support it. To wait for a public vote will actually end up costing borough taxpayers considerably more.

Thanks for listening!

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