

Rogers Park Community Council

November 2nd, 2015

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission
Municipality of Anchorage
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Resolution No. 2015-01

Dear Commission Members:

The Rogers Park Community Council read the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission Resolution No. 2015-01 with great concern and confusion. Residents of Rogers Park are among the 13,000 homes currently served by SWS. However, like in Government Hill, many homes in Rogers Park have refuse and recycling collection in the alleys, and not the curb. The inclusion of a recommendation that Government Hill residents place their tipper carts on the curb rather than in the alley doesn't have any clear factual reasoning behind it and shows a lack of knowledge about where residents of these neighborhoods store their tipper carts and why.

Several years ago the Rogers Park Community Council along with the Government Hill, South Addition and Fairview Community Council's formed the Save our Alleys Task Force to work with Solid Waste Services to ensure that our neighborhoods would maintain refuse collection in the alleys when our neighborhoods converted to automated pickup. For over a year we worked diligently with Solid Waste Services, utility companies and other municipal agencies to successfully resolve a number of concerns. These included low-hanging power and cable lines, snow removal, and encroachments into the right of way. During this exhaustive process no one ever cited a concern with bears as a reason to move our service from the alleys to the curbs.

We ask that you correct this odd and inaccurate resolution to reflect a more appropriate and narrow recommendation from the advisory commission. In the future, we also ask that you consult with any affected neighborhoods before making such controversial and misleading recommendations that have significant consequences for our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



President, Rogers Park Community Council

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