Introduced by: Council Member Stiver

Date: August 22, 2011

ORDINANCE NO. 5857

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 74-117(g)(3) REGARDING PURPOSE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

WHEREAS, the City's hotel/motel tax was implemented for the primary purpose of funding services for the promotion of the tourist industry and other economic development, and for the funding of services for the general public; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the hotel/motel tax funds discretionary grants which are awarded by the City Council based upon the recommendations of the discretionary fund committee; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the discretionary grants should be the promotion of tourism and other economic development; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance does not specify this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. That Fairbanks General Code Section 74-117(g)(3) is amended as follows (new text in **bold and underlined** font, deleted text in strikeout font).

Sec. 74-117. – Hotel/motel tax purpose and limitation.

- (g) The city council establishes the following criteria and process for the selection and application for discretionary funds.
 - The City of Fairbanks Discretionary Fund's primary purpose is promotion of the tourist industry and other economic development in the City of Fairbankseoncentrates its resources in the areas listed in item (a). We The Fund cannot support requests for the following:
 - (a) Loans, deficits, or debt reduction.
 - (b) Endowments.
 - (c) Scholarships.
 - (d) Health and social services activities.

Section 2. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be the 17th day of

September, 2011.

Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES:

Bratcher, Roberts, Stiver, Matherly, Gatewood

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Eberhart

ADOPTED:

September 12, 2011

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janey Hovenden, CMC, City Clerk

Paul Ewers, City Attorney