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RESOLUTION NO. WR95-41

A RESOLUTION OFF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE DETACHMENT OF LAKE LOUISE FROM THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, residents and land owners in the Lake Louise area have petitioned to detach territory from the northeast corner of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, such a detachment is inconsistent with the mandatory borough act of 1964 because it would transfer territory from an organized borough into the unorganized borough; and

WHEREAS, such a detachment would burden the state with costs of service now borne by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough tax base and eliminate costs to taxpayers in the area proposed for detachment; and

WHEREAS, Lake Louise tax payers do receive services from taxes paid to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and likely will receive more services as population, recreational use and development increase; and

WHEREAS, it is poor public policy to allow the incremental dissolution of local government jurisdiction in order to enable property owners, residents and visitors to avoid taxation and shift the cost burden to others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that it respectfully opposes the proposed detachment of the Lake Louise area from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

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