



City of Seldovia

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To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
From: Seldovia City Council
Re: Letter of Non-Support for the Proposed Bed Tax

August 4, 2017

Dear Assembly,

I'm writing this letter of non-support for the proposed bed tax ballot initiative on behalf of the Seldovia City Council. The City Council met in their regular meeting on July 26, 2017 where I proposed the bed tax as an issue to consider. The Council discussed the issue and voted not to support the proposal and directed me to write a letter in their behalf.

The meeting was attended by a few of the local hotel and bed and breakfast business owners and the citizens overwhelmingly felt that it wasn't a good idea. They are very concerned about the additional cost for tourism and worried that it may have a negative impact on those wanting to come to the Peninsula and to Seldovia. Many businesses in Seldovia are already cutting a very fine profit margin as it is.

The City of Seldovia leadership and citizens appreciates the input that the Borough consistently asks for in making decisions. Unfortunately, this time we cannot support this ballot initiative.

The point of contact for this letter is Tod Larson, City Manager at (907) 234-7643 or citymanager@cityofseldovia.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tod Larson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tod Larson
City Manager