

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 05/18/21
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-037**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STRAIGHTLINE AVIATION ALASKA'S PLAN TO
IMPLEMENT AND UTILIZE STRAIGHTLINE AVIATION HYBRID AIRSHIPS IN
KENAI ALASKA**

WHEREAS, through its partnership with PRL Logistics, Inc., Straightline Aviation is planning to implement and utilize Straightline Aviation Hybrid Airships in Kenai; and

WHEREAS, these are aerodynamically designed airships using aerospace technology with no rigid structure and filled with noncombustible helium; and

WHEREAS, Straightline Aviation's hybrid airships provide a less expensive and more environmentally friendly alternative mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, their hybrid airships will have the ability to carry freight as well as sizeable cargo loads to isolated and rural areas within the Borough which would normally require an existing or new infrastructure in which to land; and

WHEREAS, in addition to freight, these hybrid airships can carry passengers, which could help tourism, commercial fishing, as well as accommodate the Borough's Incident Management Team during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, with logistical challenges with remote construction, the affordability of this option could open up many projects within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, as it will be located in Kenai this project will provide new employment opportunities for people in the borough;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:**

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly supports Straightline Aviation of Alaska's efforts to operate Straightline Aviation Hybrid Airships in Kenai, Alaska.

SECTION 2. That copies of the resolution shall be sent to Alan Weitzner, CEO, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, and the cities of Soldotna, Homer, Kenai and Seward.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2021.

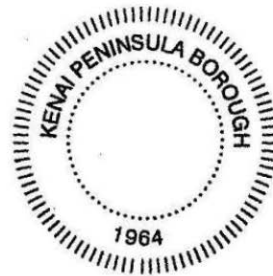


Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: None