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FW: Ordinance 2016-16 and 2016-24

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From: Carol Griswold [<mailto:cgriz@ak.net>]

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:22 AM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Ordinance 2016-16 and 2016-24

Hi Johni,

Please share the following with the Mayor and Assembly:

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I support Ordinance 2016-24 to phase out the optional senior citizen exemption. This is not an attack on seniors; it is a reasonable proposal to help pay for borough services while still allowing a generous \$150,000 exemption for seniors.

A provision to accommodate financial hardship would alleviate concerns that seniors might be forced to sell if they can't afford to pay the tax.

I also support Ordinance 2016=16 to increase the maximum amount of sale subject to borough sales tax to \$1000.00.

State and Federal funding will continue to be reduced or eliminated and the KPB needs to be proactive in order to continue to support education and provide necessary services.

I also support a borough-wide 4% bed tax. Seward and a few other communities have a bed tax; this would level the competitive city vs borough lodging businesses while raising needed revenue for the borough.

Visitors expect to pay this tax and it is not a deal-breaker for their vacation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carol Griswold
Seward

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FW: Public Comment To Assembly Members Re: Ordinance 2016-24

From: Deborah McCree [<mailto:mccreedl@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 2:32 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Public Comment To Assembly Members Re: Ordinance 2016-24

It appears to me as though government entities across the board target senior citizens when cuts are made. For example, my 90 year old father that resides in Anchorage, and lives alone, can no longer get Meals on Wheels as that service for seniors ceased being funded. Fortunately he has family and friends that make sure his needs are met. However, there are many seniors who aren't that lucky. Now Mayor Navarre wants to phase out the optional senior citizen property tax exemption. Give them a break! Most seniors have a hard enough time making it due to today's high medical costs and Medicare doesn't pay for everything. There are folks who can't even afford their monthly prescriptions costs. You have lined out very nicely in your Memorandum dated May 26, 2016 how much the borough is losing in tax revenue by allowing seniors an optional tax exemption but you fail to mention how much money the seniors spend in supporting the borough by simply living. Think about it. I'm sure there are other areas of borough spending that can be cut before we burden our seniors any further.

Respectfully submitted,
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