

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 24-07**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A REQUEST TO RESCIND THE NONRURAL
DESIGNATION FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, Prince of Wales Island (including Craig) consists of a number of small, remote, rural communities and four federally recognized tribes with a total population of under 5,000 people; and,

WHEREAS, Prince of Wales Island is not on a road system that connects to any community with more than 2,500 residents; and,

WHEREAS, shipping, grocery, energy, fuel, and other costs of living are very high and there are limited options for purchasing goods; and,

WHEREAS, subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering are used widely on Prince of Wales Island to harvest traditional foods and to counter the high cost of living; and,

WHEREAS, Ketchikan does not have the same rural characteristics as other communities in Alaska that are designated as rural; and,

WHEREAS, Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a population of approximately 13,750 residents according to the 2020 Decennial Census, has access to a major airport and is located on main transportation routes for airline travel, barge shipping, and the Alaska Marine Highway mainline ferries; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan is linked to other communities on the road system and has access to retail chain store locations with access to fuel, groceries, and other goods; and,

WHEREAS, rescinding the non-rural designation for Ketchikan does not appear to be consistent with other rural designations in Alaska and will have a significant detrimental impact on rural subsistence use for communities on Prince of Wales Island; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Craig, Alaska strongly opposes rescinding the current determination of nonrural status for Ketchikan, Alaska.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this 28th day of March, 2024.



KASEY SMITH
MAYOR, CITY OF CRAIG



MARY SALAZAR
CITY CLERK