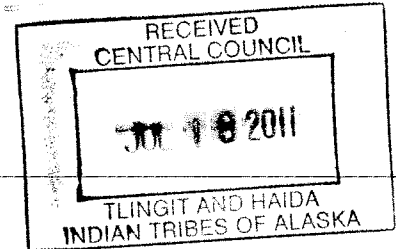


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Edward K. Thomas, President
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Dear President Thomas,

On behalf of the Assembly Human Resources Committee, I am writing in response to your letter of May 3rd, 2011 and accompanying resolution pertaining to enforcement of Juneau's Health and Sanitation Code at Bus Shelters.

The Assembly Human Resources Committee discussed your concerns at their July 11th meeting, including possible options for improving enforcement. As I'm sure you can appreciate, our police department does not have the staffing or resources necessary to adequately enforce the smoking ban in public bus shelters. If a police officer is not involved with another situation and does observe an individual smoking in a public bus shelter, they will stop and issue a warning or citation, and have done so in the past. In addition, when possible our bus drivers will advise patrons of the smoking prohibition if they observe them smoking in a bus shelter. Also, please know that the signs posted inside each bus shelter, advising patrons of the no-smoking requirement, lists a telephone number (586-0600 for JPD) that individuals can call to report violations.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Rod Swope
City & Borough Manager