



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF ALASKAN COMMUNITIES TO
ADOPT CODES AND ORDINANCES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO REQUIRE THE
INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
ONE- AND TWO- FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOMES**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League is an organization that advocates for local control with regards to Alaska's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an average of 80% of these deaths occurring in home fires; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that a person is 80% less likely to die in a house fire if sprinklers are present; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that nationally 37% of home fire deaths were in homes with working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that sprinklers reduce the average property loss by 66% per fire; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League knows that home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce the risk of injury and death to responding firefighters at home fires; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League desire to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing losses due to fire; and


WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, affordable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports the option for Alaskan communities to adopt codes and ordinances at the local level to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed one- and two- family dwellings and townhomes to meet their unique local needs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League