

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
ORDINANCE 15-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES  
WITH VINSON & ELKINS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** the Borough wishes to engage specialized legal counsel to represent the Borough renegotiating its Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILT) with Teck Alaska; and

**WHEREAS:** Vinson & Elkins LLP has extensive experience in mining and a primary focus on resource extraction-related law; and

**WHEREAS:** the majority of Vinson & Elkins' clients are energy and natural resources companies; and

**WHEREAS:** Vinson & Elkins has significant experience negotiating mining and energy-related agreements; and

**WHEREAS:** the Borough wishes to engage Vinson & Elkins under the terms of its engagement letter whereby payment will not be due until the sooner of an executed PILT agreement or December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** Borough Code § 6.16.250(b) requires that contracts spanning multiple fiscal years be approved by ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly, for and on behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough:

1. The Mayor is authorized execute an engagement letter for legal services with Vinson & Elkins LLP in substantially the same form that accompanies this Ordinance.
2. Payment will not be due until the sooner of an executed PILT agreement or December 31, 2015.
3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS** 26<sup>th</sup> **DAY OF** March **2015.**

  
**Carl Weisner, Assembly President**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2015.

Reggie Joule  
Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2015.

Stella Atoruk

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: February, 24 2015  
Second Reading: March 26, 2015

