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 24th DAY OF March 2015.

[Signature]
Carl Weisner, Assembly President

ORD 15-04 Vinson & Elkins LLP
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF March 2015.

Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26th DAY OF March 2015.

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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