

Aniak Small Business Initiative

Why- 1) Aniak is in great need of service establishments in town IE, Plumber, Electrician, Auto Repair, Small Engine Repair, Firewood Sales, Etc.

2) Costs of operating a small business in a remote village like Aniak are already high with shipping, heating, fuel, building cost etc.

3) The services for our community would be best kept at a more affordable cost possible to encourage long-term residency of citizens of our city. The monthly commercial use fees are significant enough to potentially bring about business closure or at least an increased cost of services and goods to the citizenry.

What- To encourage small service business in Aniak I propose we create a Small Business Exemption Form for the Commercial Entity Sewer, Public Works, and Landfill use fees.

To qualify for the exemption, a business would need to show evidence of the following,

- 1) Be owned and operated by a full time local Aniak resident (not seasonal)
- 2) Be operated in Aniak with services available to local residents
- 3) Either be in first year of operation, or have an annual taxable income (profit after deduction of costs) of equal to or less than the median household income for Aniak (\$69K)