



### Call to Action – No New Taxes

Bethel's City Council is proposing a \$.01 per ounce Beverage Tax, this includes sugar sweetened iced teas, lemonades, juice drinks, teas, sports drinks, energy drinks, flavored water, and soft drinks.

We as an industry cannot afford to be taxed any further! If this Beverage Tax passes in Bethel, there is a real potential that other communities and cities in the state of Alaska will enact similar taxes!

Please consider reaching out to your connections in Bethel to encourage them to attend their City Council meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

[Link to November 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#)

You can also provide written testimony to: [cityclerk@cityofbethel.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbethel.net)

[Coronavirus Impact Survey](#)

Please complete this new [Coronavirus impact survey](#). Alaska CHARR partners with the National Restaurant Association to gather critical data that will be very valuable to our ongoing advocacy and communications efforts during this crisis. We very much appreciate you taking the time to complete it. Please note this survey will close on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### PPP Recipients

Due to the evolving PPP loan forgiveness process, many businesses and their tax advisers were planning to wait on applying for loan forgiveness until 2021. This way, a business could:

- 1) deduct their standard tax expenses for tax year 2020
- 2) apply for PPP loan forgiveness in 2021 to evaluate how much is forgiven/deductible
- 3) address any future tax liability on PPP forgiveness and deductions in late 2021/2022 filings.

Most importantly, this would retain working capital during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

**Treasury/IRS ended this possibility with [guidance on November 18](#), saying that “if a business reasonably believes that a PPP loan will be forgiven in the future, expenses related to the loan are not deductible, *whether the business has filed for forgiveness or not.*”**

A business that received a PPP loan and paid otherwise deductible expenses (payroll, rent or mortgage, utilities) during the covered period may not deduct those expenses for tax year 2020 ***even if the business has not submitted an application for loan forgiveness*** by the end of tax year 2020. If the business “reasonably expects to receive forgiveness,” it automatically loses these tax deductions, hypothetically over a 24-week period, due to the 10 week loan.

To protect deductions and reverse this current IRS position, Congress has bipartisan, bicameral legislation (S. 3612/H.R. 6821) that [needs your support](#). Please contact Aaron ([aafrazier@restaurant.org](mailto:aafrazier@restaurant.org)) for any additional questions or feedback.

## Alaska CHARR Membership

Have you appreciated all the resources CHARR has provided during this crisis? Do you want to have access to new benefits that will directly help your bottom line? Consider becoming a member so that we can continue to provide you the most up-to-date information and resources in addition to our regular fantastic benefits.

Contact Rory McAllister, our Membership & Gaming Manager,  
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