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Subject: Re: An Eye Sore and Inviromental Problem in the New and Improved Downtown Juneau.
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> On Feb 19, 2020, at 11:56 AM, Zia Boccaccio <alpacainternational@verizon.net> wrote:

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> Dear Mayor ;

> As a business owner , I am extremely happy to see the positive changes in our City , with your efforts and the community in general , we have changed downtown into a dynamic ,bustling and busy center , providing many opportunities for its residents and the thousands of tourists that travel long ways to experience the beauty of Juneau , the street improvements are noticeable , The Sea Alaska Heritage Building , The Alaska State Museum , The Whale Park and the beautiful planters along the AS dock turn a habitual walk into a once in a life time experience.

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> How Ever , I need to point out that all the hard work to make Downtown more attractive , especially the Steam Dock , as the gateway to the Hart of the City is sadly overshadowed by the first Contact and View of several poorly run Food Stands , with an open fire pit that emanates an invasive Strong Food Odor that pollutes the clean fresh air, from early morning (6 a.m) to late nights ,the odor permeates the atmosphere making it impossible to take a walk and enjoy the fresh air, mainly , Ship Crew members eat food in and around this stands ,leaving dirty plastic and litter behind , the cooks grill the meats in dirty clothing , disregarding basic health guidelines . The patrons not only make a negative and direct environmental impact by the usage of disposable plastic , but also ,they leave behind a tremendous amount of cigarette butts in the beautiful flower planters that the city puts up to beautify the downtown during the summer , the cleaning of this residuals are often leave to the City Cleaning Crew.

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> The Tourists coming out from the AS dock or the ones walking thru downtown , get shocked and many time disgusted by the Open Fire Food Smells distracting from the Fresh Air that they expect visiting any Alaskan City. Same goes for the tourist coming out from the Airport , the smog , the smell , the plastic litter , the disorganized view of people sitting in the floors to eat, is the first visual they get as they enter the City.

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> To me ,the most upsetting part of this situation is that all the efforts and hard work that you and the community has invested to improve , beautify and change the negative perception of Juneau , is practically crashed in all levels ,by the negative impact of this food vendors seemingly void of any regulations and allowed to operated in this manner ,making a devastating visual and inviromental impact in the Hart Of The City. Other food vendors in the are held to strict guidelines and regulations for this type of business , which is also a norm in any other City in the country , their business practice is also unfair to other brick and mortar operations, and unfair to us that want to enjoy the beauty of downtown Juneau.

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> It is time perhaps to assess the direct impact of the cost and benefits of granting operating licenses to this businesses that in my opinion have no place to occupy the most important Landmark of our City, solely for their benefit and not of the Community and the Visitors. I will be happy to present pictures and collaterals to support my points .

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> Kind Regards;

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