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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM 96-36

From: John T. Felton, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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Subject: Secondary Water Sales


At March 27, 1996 meeting, the Council requested that I draft an amendment to the City Code to allow for a simpler way for water to be resold. I have done this and Ordinance Serial No. 96-19 is attached for your review.

I could find no way that the city would be injured if a third party sold water that they bought from the City. We have the same legal responsibility for the quality of the water we deliver to every tap that we serve. We also have no responsibility for the water after it leaves our system as we do not control the users. The only control of the users are the Uniform Plumbing Code and the Alaska Administrative Code.

I do not feel that it would be prudent to serve water outside of the City limits. Annexing subdivisions should be required to construct delivery systems that meet our specifications. The billing and control of billings for a large subdivision would be a logistic nightmare. The City would be better served if we worked with each lot owner. This is the reason for limiting delivery to inside the City limits. There are no problems with filling either motor homes or water trailers. These are single uses and these people are free to use the water where ever they chose to do so.

The Public Works Department wishes to reserve the right to curtail sales in time of water shortages. It makes no sense to sell water to people outside of our City when we can not adequately serve City residents.

The Public Works Department supports this code modification and respectfully requests that the Council set it for public hearing.



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