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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM No. 07-17

TITLE: DIRECTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITY OF SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR GROCERIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.

Agenda of: April 9, 2007

Date: March 29, 2007

Originator: Council Member Mark Ewing *[Signature]*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director	
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

Please see memo attached

FISCAL IMPACT: yes unknown or no Funds Available yes no

3/30/07

Account name/number:

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

I would like the City Attorney to research the possibility for the City to exempt the purchase of groceries. I have two scenarios to explore which are listed as follows:

- Is it possible for the city to implement an exemption on the purchase of groceries for senior citizens and disabled American veterans; similar to the way the borough provides for property tax exemptions?
- If it is possible to provide for these types of exemptions, would it be possible to allow for a maximum purchase limit on a per month basis?

ACTION: Direct the City Attorney to research the above scenarios; if this is a possibility to provide, and draft an ordinance to present to the Council for consideration.



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Memo

To: Wasilla City Council

From: Mayor Dianne M. Keller *DMK*

CC:

Date: March 30, 2007

Re: AM 07-17

I do not agree that this should be placed on the agenda at this time. The appropriate time to have this discussion is during the budget initiative process. While the attorney can draft legislation to accommodate Council member Ewing's request he can not answer questions about the fiscal impact to the city.

I believe that prior to directing the attorney to draft such legislation the Council should first agree that this topic of discussion is an initiative of the Council. Only after that process has been completed, Council could consider directing staff to provide information to determine how this will impact the FY09-FY10 budget cycle. After the fact gathering process Council would have a better understanding as to the fiscal impacts to the city. This process would allow Council to make a more informed decision as to whether or not to move forward with this request.