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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
NO. 97-67

DATE: September 24, 1997
TO: Council and Commissioners
FROM: Mayor Palin 
RE: Land Use Regulations

I came across an enlightening report written by a local college student re: local government's control of private lands.

If we keep the author's wisdom in mind when making land use decisions, not only will our community greatly benefit, but perhaps the city of Wasilla will house a local government that other cities will wish to emulate. Please note this summary of the student's report:

There must be a purpose for regulating land use and for *changing* any existing land use. The purpose must be clarified for all to understand. The purpose should be the basis for regulations and the regulations in turn should always reflect that purpose.

Without a specified purpose or intent, **regulations become arbitrary restrictions of personal property rights.**

When the intent is lost we have regulation without purpose.

The public may interpret new restrictions and laws as arbitrary regulations of personal property and be less apt to adhere to them.

Thank you Council and Commissioners!