

**SUBJECT: A resolution of the Wasilla City Council requesting that the State of Alaska's Youth Detention Facility be located in our community.**

PREPARED BY: Planning Office

DATE: March 2, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: March 9, 1998

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**SUMMARY:**

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is considering locating a Youth Detention Facility in the Wasilla area. For numerous reasons the Wasilla City Council has determined that the airport property may not be the best location for this facility. These concerns include the lease agreements between the FAA, the state and city. Several other potential sites located in or near Wasilla may be more advantageous.

The city of Wasilla is continuing to work with the state to help them find an appropriate site for their Youth Detention Facility. Mayor Palin, Chief Charlie Fannon and other city staff remain in contact with Mr. Marty Grossman, State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Tim Krug is corresponding with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation asking for available state land for the state's facility. Recent discussions with private property owners on a potential site continue. Mayor Palin has been in contact with our five local legislators relaying our message that we support the facility here in Wasilla. We made physical visits to a Knik Goose Bay Road site, Alcantra site, and Parks Highway site. The city is continuing conversations with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for available potential land. The State of Alaska will need to make the final determination of where they want to place the Juvenile Detention Facility.

The resolution as attached informs those interested that the Wasilla City Council continues to support the State's Youth Detention Facility and requests that it be located in or near Wasilla city limits, while recognizing the State's right to choose the location that best suits the needs of Alaska's juveniles.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  No  Yes, amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** adoption



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Resolution