

Presented w/ Ord 98-37  
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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

**IM No. 98-73**

**SUBJECT: ADVISORY PROPOSITION FOR PARKS POWERS**

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Keller

PREPARED BY: Kristie VanGorder, CMC/AE, City Clerk

DATE: July 20, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: July 27, 1998

**SUMMARY:**

Council Member Keller presents Ordinance Serial No. 98-37 for your consideration.

The ordinance directs the clerk to submit an advisory ballot proposition to the voters at the upcoming fall election. The advisory proposition will ask the voters to advise council whether to obtain parks powers from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Upon passage of the advisory vote, council would direct administration to work with the borough to transfer parks powers from the borough to the city.

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


**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration of Ordinance Serial No. 98-37.

**MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:**



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

DATE: July 27, 1998  
TO: Wasilla City Council Members  
FROM: Wasilla Parks & Recreation Commission  
Denise Loyer, Chairperson  
RE: Parks Powers



The Commission would like to thank the Council for pursuing the acquisition of parks powers from the Borough. At a special meeting called on July 23, 1998, the Commission compiled the following list as additional support to Ms. Keller's Ordinance 98-37:

With Parks Powers the City of Wasilla could:

- Control usage and future development of Wasilla parks
- Set park policies
- Control our current and future investments
- Continue our high standards of maintenance
- Promote future revenue for the parks budget

Wasilla could also experience:

- An increase in liabilities
- More labor and maintenance costs
- A possible loss of \$10,000 yearly from the Borough

We need to protect our investment in the quality of life for Wasilla residents, and unanimously support the acquisition of parks powers. Thank you for your support.