

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 98-84

*presented w/ Ord. 98-40
8/24/98
H.*

SUBJECT: REVISION TO WMC 2.04.010, CITY COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND TERMS

PREPARED BY: K. VanGorder, City Clerk *H.*

DATE: August 3, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: August 10, 1998

SUMMARY:

In preparing for the upcoming election, I have found two areas of the code, which I recommend the council clarify. I have discussed the issue with our attorney, Ken Jacobus, and he concurs with the following changes:

WMC 2.04.010, Composition, is amended to delete the section that determines when council members take office. This issue is now properly placed in Section 2.04.030, Terms.

WMC 2.04.030, the reference to the regular election is being repealed in this section as it is already addressed in Title 18, Elections.

WMC 2.04.030, is further amended to clarify that the candidate's term begins on the day of the next regularly scheduled council meeting (following the election certification). In the case of an election contest, this amendment allows for sufficient time for an appeal to be filed with the court, after the certification of the election. Without the code change, a special meeting would need to be called in order to swear in the newly elected officials.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of Ordinance Serial No. 98-40.

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor