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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

**IM No. 99-12**

**SUBJECT: Press Release**

PREPARED BY: Administration

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FOR AGENDA OF: January 25, 1999

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**SUMMARY: PRESS RELEASE**

January 14, 1999

Wasilla – “The health of our lakes and groundwater is vitally important to Wasilla’s future and the City is taking action,” said Mayor Sarah Palin during the recent community meetings regarding Fred Meyer’s new store in Wasilla. Today Mayor Palin announced that her request of the Governor’s proposed FY 2000 budget includes nearly \$1.3 million for funding the first phase of the City’s storm water system.

“This project will help keep pollution out of our lakes,” added Palin.

The grant will fund a pump station and treatment. The State DOT’s storm water system along the Parks Highway currently flows into Lake Lucille and Wasilla Lake. The first phase of the project will connect into one of DOT’s Lake Lucille outfalls. Expansions of the storm water collection system will occur each year. The City hopes to eliminate storm water discharges to the lakes and creeks when the storm water system is completed. The Department of Environmental Conservation has given a green light for this project.

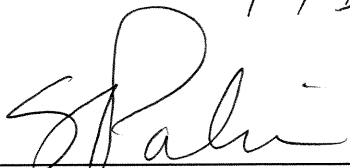
“This type of funding is essential, considering the level of growth and development we are experiencing in Wasilla.”

“The City is working with Senator Green and Representative Kohring to ensure that this project is funded,” concluded Palin.

*For additional information, please contact the Mayor’s Office at 373-9055.*

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** *FYI only*



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Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: