WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 99-64

SUBJECT: Sewer Lagoon Emergency Maintenance

REQUESTED BY: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Public Works

DATE: June 9, 1999

FOR AGENDA OF: June 14, 1999

SUMMARY:

Emergency maintenance is required on the sewer lagoons. A persistent odor problem has been on-going since early April. The lagoons have not been cleaned since the plant opened in 1992. Although the lagoon's design did not plan for the build up of sediment, a two to three foot accumulation of sediment has occurred. It is believed that this is interfering with the aeration process that, in turn, is producing the odor.

Funds are needed to remove accumulated sediment, construct a drying bed and increase aeration by purchasing another compressor and blower unit. A consultant will be retained to develop the program for this work.

Future operating budgets will have to be increased to allow for the periodic cleaning of the lagoons. This will become crucial as more customers are added to the sewer system.

FISCAL IMPACT: No x Yes, amount requested: \$84,383 Fund: 05.599.6520

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council is requested to approve the transfer of appropriations within the sewer fund to pay for emergency maintenance to the sewer lagoons. We are receiving man public complaints again about the odor - these "neighbors" to the MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT: Sewer lagoon should not have to just up with the odor.

Reviewed by: SARAH PALWI, Mayor