



## CITY OF WASILLA

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NON-CODE ORDINANCE

REQUESTED BY: ADMINISTRATION  
PREPARED BY: PLANNING

### ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 96-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF BALLFIELDS ON 120 ACRES NEAR MYSTERY AVENUE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION II. Findings:

- The City of Wasilla owns 120 acres near Mystery Avenue.
- The 120 acres are subject to Mental Health Land Trust litigation because they are former state mental health lands.
- The American Legion occupies under permit approximately three acres of the 120 acres for use as a baseball field.
- The City of Wasilla, with legislative grant funds, developed 10 of the 120 acres as softball fields and those fields are currently operated by the Mat-Su Softball Association under a management agreement with the City.
- The Wasilla Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, after consultation with softball, Little League and soccer organizations, determined that there was a shortage of ballfields and tournament play ballfields in the City and proposed a plan to develop additional fields on the 120 acre site.
- The Wasilla Planning Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Commission's plan and approved the concept of developing ballfields on the site.
- The Wasilla City Council received the Parks and Recreation Commission's plan and a recommendation to allow development of ballfields by volunteer action of ball clubs. The Council authorized the Mayor to develop scale drawings and to solicit letters of interest from ball clubs.
- The Mayor engaged Group Three Design to prepare scale drawings of a planned development of the site. The draft drawings were reviewed and amended by the Recreation Commission and ultimately proposed that 23 new ballfields be built on the 120 acre site including 2 baseball, 3 Little League, 7 soccer/football, 5 soccer, 1 football/rugby and 5 softball fields. This design and all its related amenities will be reviewed by the *ad hoc* committee which will make recommendations to the design in order to address concerns and issues raised during the review of Ordinance 95-59.
- The Mayor has appointed an *ad hoc* committee to study the design proposed in Ordinance 95-59 to recommend changes to the design that will allow the Council to reach a consensus on an appropriate development plan.
- Previous Ordinance 95-59 which would have adopted a recreational facility design plan for the Bumpus area was not approved by the Wasilla City Council.

SECTION III. Enactment.

The "General Development Plan - Bumpus Recreational Area" dated February 26, 1996 by Group Three Design, with such amendments as the Council deem necessary and prudent, which sets out the planned development of ballfields and other recreational facilities on the 120 acre City site near Mystery Avenue is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to proceed with development as proposed subject to Council approval of development and management agreements with athletic clubs and other recreation associations, Council Budgetary control and Planning Commission permit review.


SECTION IV. Effective Date:

This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

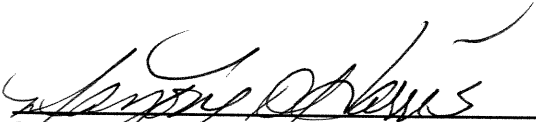
Introduction: 02/12/96

Public Hearing: 02/26/96

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this 11th day of March 1996.

  
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John C. Stein, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Marjorie D. Harris, CMC  
City Clerk