Requested By: Council Member Keller

Prepared By: Clerk

Introduced: July 27, 1998 Public Hearing: July 27, 1998

Defeated: August 10, 1998

Vote: Carney, Chappel, Fuller, Patrick opposed;

Cottle in favor; Keller absent

CITY OF WASILLA ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 98-37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE OCTOBER 6, 1998, REGULAR CITY ELECTION REQUESTING ADVICE ON OBTAINING PARKS POWERS FROM THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has the possibility of becoming the recreational hub of the entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla currently maintains public use areas within its city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla does not currently have parks powers; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years the city has spent approximately \$872,999 in the maintenance of public use areas within the city; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has funded \$30,000 to the city to assist in the daily maintenance of parks within the city limits;

WHEREAS, it would be a benefit to the City of Wasilla to obtain parks powers from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla currently exercises the power necessary to provide for public facilities and services provided in WMC 1.08.050 to include libraries, planning and land use, airport and aviation facilities, fire protection service, and police protection.

WHEREAS, by the City of Wasilla obtaining parks powers, it will allow the city to govern all parks and public use areas within the city limits.

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Submission to voters. The City Clerk shall submit the following advisory proposition to the qualified voters of the city at the regular election of October 6, 1998. The proposition shall read substantially in the following form:

Advisory Proposition No. ____ PARKS POWERS

Shall the Wasilla City Council seek to obtain parks powers within the City of Wasilla from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough?

Section 3. Proposition. The advisory proposition shall be printed on a ballot and the following words shall be added as appropriate and next to a square provided for marking the ballot for voting by hand or machine:

ADVISORY PROPOSITION NO. ____ YES

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

DEFEATED by the Wasilla City Council this 10th day of August, 1998.