

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 98-57**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC, 2.04.020, QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCILMEN.

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

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

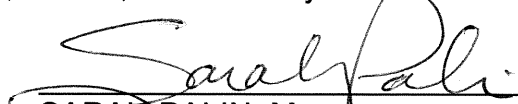
Section 2. Amendment of section. WMC 2.04.020, Qualifications of Councilmen, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.04.020 Qualifications [OF COUNCILMEN].

(A) A [THE] person is eligible to be a council member if the person is a qualified city voter and has [OR PERSONS SEEKING OFFICE SHALL BE UNITED STATES CITIZENS, STATE-REGISTERED VOTERS, AND SHALL HAVE] been a city resident[S OF THE CITY] or a resident of territory annexed to the c[C]ity[, OR SHALL HAVE HAD A COMBINATION OF RESIDENCE IN THE CITY AND IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN] for one [(1)] year immediately prior to the election[PRECEDING THE DATE OF FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL].

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council, Alaska, this 26th day of October 1998.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

[SEAL]



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

EJ:GS:ALP:emr
DJ 166-012-3
99-1316

Voting Section
P.O. Box 66128
Washington, DC 20035-6128

CLERKS OFFICE

JUL 16 1999
RECEIVED

July 12, 1999


Ms. Kristie L. VanGorder
City Clerk
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654-7091

Dear Ms. VanGorder:

This refers to the change in the durational residency requirement for mayor and council candidates, the designation of the clerk as supervisor of elections with the authority to determine the qualifications of candidates, and the vote tabulation system for municipal elections for the City of Wasilla in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on May 11, 1999.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41).

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Johnson
Chief, Voting Section