

CODE ORDINANCE

Requested by: Clerk
Introduced: April 12, 1999
Substituted: April 26, 1999
Public Hearing: April 26, 1999
Adopted: April 26, 1999
Vote: Unanimous

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 99-15(SUB)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16,
ADMINISTRATION (QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYOR).

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 part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

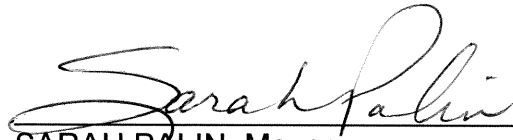
Section 2. Amendment of section. Section 2.16.025, Qualifications of Mayor, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.16.025 QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYOR.

A [THE P]erson is eligible to hold the office of mayor 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 or a resident[S OF THE CITY OR] of territory annexed to the city for one year immediately prior to the election[, OR SHALL HAVE HAD A COMBINATION OF RESIDENCE IN THE CITY AND IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR PRECEDING THE DATE OF FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR ELECTION OF THE MAYOR]. The mayor may not hold a position as council member or city employee, except as provided by state statute.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on the date the United States Department of Justice issues its non-objection to the provisions of this section.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council, Alaska, on April 26, 1999.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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July 12, 1999


Ms. Kristie L. VanGorder
City Clerk
290 East Herning Avenue
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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-Susitina 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