

**CITY OF WASILLA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2000-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE OCTOBER 3, 2000, REGULAR CITY ELECTION ASKING WHETHER THE CITY OF WASILLA SHOULD ADD A FLUORIDE TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTED BY THE WASILLA WATER UTILITY.

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WHEREAS, it has been recommended by certain dental professionals that the City of Wasilla add fluoride to its public water distribution system for the purpose of protecting the teeth of Wasilla's children against tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council desires public input on this issue in the form of an advisory vote.

**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 3, 2000. The proposition shall read substantially in the following form:

**Advisory Proposition No. \_\_\_\_**

**FLUORIDATION OF WATER**

**"Shall the City of Wasilla add a fluoride to the water distributed by the Wasilla Water Utility?"**

**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

NO

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

SUBJECT: Fluoridation of Water

PREPARED BY: Administration

DATE: December 1, 1999

FOR AGENDA OF: December 13, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

This proposed advisory ballot question is brought forward for Council consideration based on Council's request for information on fluoridating city water.

Public Works is investigating the cost of fluoride injection into the city water supply. Preliminary findings indicate the cost of the injection system is under \$5,000. The major cost will be construction of an outbuilding at the well site separate from the chlorine system. The total cost including this building should be under \$20,000.

The operation and maintenance costs for a fluoride system is being investigated as well. A meeting with the City of Palmer is arranged to discuss O & M costs for their system.

(Please see additional fluoride information provided you by members of the Dental Society at your last Council meeting.)

FISCAL IMPACT:    X No    *(eventually)*    Yes, amount requested: \$

Fund:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Council consideration.

*Sarah Palin*  
Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented to Council  
Date: 12/13/99  
verified by: JK  
*failed to be introduced w/ Ord 00-01*