

Requested by: Planning
Scheduled Introduction: April 25, 2005
(No quorum at meeting, carried over to 5/9/05)
Introduced: May 9, 2005
Public Hearing: May 23, 2005
Adopted: May 23, 2005
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 05-32(SUB)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE WASILLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY INCLUDING THE WASILLA ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PHASE I – NATURAL HAZARDS AND AMENDING WMC 16.04.040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

* **Section 1. Classification.** Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this ordinance are non-code. Section 2 of 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 16.04.040, Comprehensive Plan, is amended to read as follows:

A. The Wasilla comprehensive plan is a compilation of policies, plans, maps and associated materials **that** [AND] forms the basis for approvals under these regulations. The Wasilla comprehensive plan was adopted in 1996, **and** amended in 1999 to include the City of Wasilla Trails Plan, in 2004 to include the Wasilla Alaska Railroad Relocation Reconnaissance Study, **and in 2005 to include the Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan Phase I – Natural Hazards.**

B. If any elements of the comprehensive plan conflict[S], the element most recently adopted shall govern.

Section 3. Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan. The City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly in April

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1996 and amended in 1999 to adopt the *City of Wasilla Trails Plan 1999 City Amendment*, and amended in 2004 to add the *Wasilla Alaska Railroad Relocation Reconnaissance Study dated January 24, 2002* to Chapter 7, Transportation Plan is amended to include Chapter 8, the *Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan Phase I - Natural Hazards*.

* **Section 4. Submission to Matanuska-Susitna Borough.** The Mayor shall submit the amendment of the City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan in this ordinance to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for approval by the Borough Planning Commission and Assembly under Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code 17.45.030.


* **Section 5. Effective date.** Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall be effective upon the effective date of the ordinance of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approving the amendment of the City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan in this ordinance. The remaining sections of this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on May 23, 2005



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



JAMIE NEWMAN, CMC
Acting City Clerk

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: 05-32 REQUESTING BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMEND THE WASILLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY INCLUDING THE WASILLA ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PHASE I – NATURAL HAZARDS AND AMENDING WMC 16.04.040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Agenda of: April 25, 2005
Originator: City Planner

Date: April 8, 2005

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
X	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
X	Public Works Planning	<i>J. Hawley</i> 4/12/05
X	Finance *signature required	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

Dianne M. Keller

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance Serial Number 05-32;

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This document is the first phase of a two part hazard mitigation plan development process for the City of Wasilla. The first phase covers natural hazards. In the fall of 2005, we will begin the second part of the Hazard Mitigation Plan which addresses technological and man-made hazards such as railroad hazardous spills. It was felt that preparing the Hazard Mitigation Plan in two phases would be a more manageable task. The City has developed this Hazard Mitigation Plan to provide guidance for the city's activities to ensure implementation of policies and projects that are the most effective and appropriate for mitigating natural and technological hazard events.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a strategic planning guide prepared to fulfill the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Section 322, Mitigation Planning enacted by Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) (P.L. 106-390). As part of the process of implementing the DMA, FEMA prepared an Interim Final Rule to clearly establish the mitigation planning criteria for States and local and tribal governments. This Rule was published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002, at 44 CFR Part 201.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), Section 322 (a-d), as implemented through 44 CFR Part 201.6 requires that local governments, as a condition of receiving federal disaster mitigation funds, have a mitigation plan that describes the process for identifying hazards, risks and vulnerabilities, identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions, encouraging development of local mitigation and providing technical support for those efforts.

The Wasilla Mitigation Plan summarizes the effects of hazards in the City of Wasilla such as flooding, earthquake, fire and etc. The Plan also contains a list of mitigation activities and projects and a brief rationale or explanation of how each activity or project contributes to the overall hazard mitigation strategy outlined in the plan.

The federal requirements under 44 CFR Part 201 mean that a mitigation plan must be reviewed annually, and updated every five years. In addition, the plan must be evaluated whenever a disaster occurs that significantly affects the City, whether or not it receives a Presidential Declaration. This evaluation and possible update must be completed no later than 12 months following the date the disaster occurs.

The City of Wasilla will implement this plan by incorporating it into the City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan by ordinance. As well as guiding development, the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan provides continuity in the decision making process and in development of city policy. In addition, a cost/benefit ratio analysis will be used to prioritize projects selected for implementation based on community goals, planning objectives and funding availability, environmental concerns, and public support.

Recommendation

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the City Council approve Ordinance 05-32 requesting that the Borough Assembly amend the City Comprehensive Plan by including the Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Phase I and amending WMC 16.04.040 Comprehensive Plan.