Prepared by: Public Works Dept. Introduced: June 13, 2005 Public Hearing: June 27, 2005

Adopted: June 27, 2005

Vote: Cox, Lowe, O'Neil, Sande, Straub in favor; Ewing opposed

## CITY OF WASILLA ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 05-48(AM)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION WATER METERS.

- \* Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.
- \* Section 2. Purpose. To establish a grant program for existing residential water customers to be reimbursed the actual cost for the installation of an irrigation meter to be used as a subtractive meter for the purposes of sewer billings.
- \* Section 3. Criteria. Residential customers connected to both the water and sewer utilities for a period of one year or longer are eligible to apply for a grant not to exceed \$1,000 per household for the cost of the installation of an irrigation meter. The grant application is based upon a review of the customer's water use records over a minimum one year period to confirm irrigation use has a significant impact on the customer's sewer bill. If eligible as determined by the public works director, the customer is then reimbursed the actual cost of the irrigation meter installation based upon the applicable portions of receipts provided by the customer. Grant payments shall be made within 30 days of the submitted receipts. This grant program is not eligible for homes constructed after adoption of this ordinance. Grants are subject to annual funding appropriations by the city council.
- \* Section 4 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 27, 2005.

DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAMIE E. NEWMAN, CMC

Acting City Clerk

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## CITY OF WASILLA LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

**RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 05-48** 

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION WATER METERS

Agenda of: June 13, 2005 Introduction

Originator: Public Works Director

Date: June 3, 2005

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	8
Χ	Public Works Planning	6/3/05
Х	Finance *signature required	610
Χ	Clerk	Asmilis

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: \

FISCAL IMPACT: ⊠ Yes \$10,000

Funds Available yes, proposed in FY06

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Account name: see below

Attachments: none

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This ordinance creates a grant program similar to sewer service connections, where a residential customer could apply for funding to install an irrigation meter to be used as a subtractive meter for sewer bills. An applicant would need to be on the system for one year to determine eligibility by water use history. The public works director would review a grant application with the water use records to determine eligibility. If approved, the homeowner would have the meter installed by a plumbing contractor and seek reimbursement from the City under the grant program.

It is also recommended that only existing homes be eligible for the program at the time the program is implemented. New homes would have the option to install the meter as part of new construction, which is far cheaper than a retrofit.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the ordinance if determined appropriate by the City Council.