

Vote: Cox, Holler, Koskela, Menard and Metiva in favor; Ewing opposed

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 07-35**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.16.070, SALARY OF MAYOR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE MAYOR WHEN INITIALLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED SHALL BE \$75,000, SUBJECT TO A 1.5% ANNUAL INCREASE WHILE THE SAME MAYOR REMAINS CONTINUOUSLY IN OFFICE, AND REPEALING THE COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR DURING A TERM OF OFFICE.

* **Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

* **Section 2. Amendment of section.** WMC 2.16.070, Salary of mayor, is amended to read as follows:

2.16.070 Salary of mayor.

A. **Upon the succession to office of each mayor who did not hold the office immediately preceding election or appointment, the annual salary for the position of mayor shall be \$75,000, and for so long as the same mayor remains continuously in office, the annual salary for the position of mayor shall increase by 1.5% on each anniversary of that succession to office.** [THE COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AT LEAST NINETY (90) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE REGULAR ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.] The salary shall not include merit increases. [IF A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR IS HELD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE, THE SALARY ADOPTED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE USED.]

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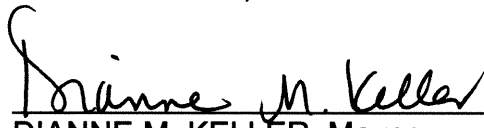
B. The salary of the mayor may be reduced voluntarily at the mayor's discretion. A decision of the mayor to reduce the salary is not binding upon or applicable to future administrations. The salary of the mayor may not be reduced by council action during a mayor's term [BUT MAY ONLY BE RAISED BY TWO-THIRDS CONCURRING VOTE OF THE COUNCIL].

[C. A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT AFFECT MAYOR'S SALARY BUT MAY BE INCLUDED UPON APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY CONCURRING VOTE OF THE COUNCIL].

C [D]. The mayor shall receive employee benefits as provided to all permanent employees of the city.

* **Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2008.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 25, 2007.

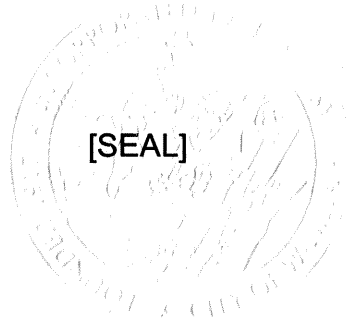


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk



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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 07-35: AMENDING WMC 2.16.070, SALARY OF
MAYOR.**

Agenda of: June 11, 2007
Originator: Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk

Date: May 23, 2007

| Route to: | Department | Signature/Date |
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| | Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing | |
| | Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources | |
| X | City Clerk | <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> |

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: _____

FISCAL IMPACT: yes no Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Ordinance Serial No. 07-35

SUMMARY STATEMENT: At the Special Meeting of June 21, 2007, the City Council directed staff to draft Ordinance Serial No. 07-35, establishing the salary of the mayor, effective upon appointment or election of the next mayor.

Per Code, a new mayor may take office under one of the following three circumstances:

1. Election to a full term under WMC 2.16.040.
2. Appointment to fill a vacancy within 180 days before a regular election under WMC 2.16.050.A.
3. Election to fill a vacancy at a special election more than 180 days before a regular election under WMC 2.16.050.A.

Ordinance Serial No. 07-25 as drafted provides that the mayor's salary would operate in the same manner under each of these circumstances, i.e., the mayor's salary for the first year in office is \$75,000 per year, and increases by 1.5% on each anniversary of the mayor's taking office. This means that when a person is appointed or elected mayor to fill a vacancy, the salary increase will come on each anniversary of taking office after that appointment or election.

If a person is appointed or elected mayor to fill a vacancy, and then is elected mayor at the next regular election, the person's salary still would be determined with reference to the date of taking office upon appointment or election to fill the vacancy. On the other hand, if a person serves one or more terms as mayor, and after an interval out of office again is elected mayor, the person's salary then would be determined without reference to service as mayor before the interval out of office.