

NON-CODE ORDINANCE

Requested by: Cultural & Recreation Manager
Prepared by: Cultural & Recreation Manager
Introduced: August 27, 2007
Public Hearing: September 10, 2007
Adopted: September 10, 2007
Vote: Cox, Ewing, Massie and Menard in favor; Holler and Metiva absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 07-50**

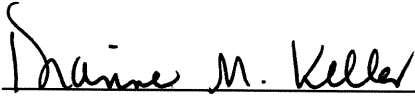
AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FY-08 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE TO THE MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 165 NEW POWDERED COATED STEEL PANELS TO REPAIR THE SAFETY RAILS AROUND THE JOGGING TRACK AND SPECTATOR AREA.

- * **Section 1. Classification.** This is a non-code ordinance.
- * **Section 2. Authority.** To appropriate funds to repair the safety rails around the jogging track and spectator area.
- * **Section 3. Appropriation.** Funds are appropriated to the following fund:

Repair and Maintenance	340-4530-453.40-30	\$95,000
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- * **Section 4. Source of Funds.**

General Fund 's Fund Balance	\$95,000
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- * **Section 5. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council, Alaska, on September 10, 2007.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

[SEAL]



**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDNING THE FY-08 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE TO THE MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 165 NEW POWDERED COATED STEEL PANELS TO REPAIR THE SAFETY RAILS AROUND THE JOGGING TRACK AND SPECTATOR AREA.

Agenda of: August 27, 2007
Originator: Cultural & Recreation Manager

Date: August 20, 2007

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police Chief Youth Court, Dispatch, Code Compliance	
X	Cultural and Recreation Services Director Library, Museum, Sports Complex	
	Public Works & Recreation Facility Maintenance Director	
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	<i>Juanne Colligan</i> 8-20-07
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>Sandra Hardy</i> 8-20-07
X	City Clerk	<i>R. Miles</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: *Dianne M. Keller*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no Funds Available yes no
Account name/number: General Fund's Fund Balance
 MUSC Repair & Maintenance 340-4530-453.40-30

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The original design and construction of the guardrail barrier surrounding the track used airplane type cable strung horizontally through 2" x 2" tube steel and 1/4" flat steel. The tube and flat steel are spaced from 53" to 60" apart around the entire track.

The barrier is necessary to provide a safe environment and to reduce city liability for falls. The airplane type cables were recommended by the architect as it provided safety and was aesthetically pleasing, and was less expensive than welding bars or pipes between each of the horizontal braces.

At the time of design and construction of the Sports Complex, there was little thought of using the track for anything more than running and walking. Since the opening of the facility, there have been additional uses developed for the track. The primary use other

than running and walking is additional spectator space for the Avalanche Junior Hockey games, the Alaska State High School Hockey Tournament and the UAA exhibition game every other year. This additional spectator space is necessary as these events are drawing more spectators than is seating available for in the bleachers. The track space has also been used during events like the Home Show where additional vendor space has been made available.

At the time of construction, what wasn't known was the amount of misuse the cables would get. When spectators stand around the track watching various events, they tend to prop their feet on the cables. Additionally, some of the younger children stand and/or climb on the cables. This has placed undue tension on the cables and has stretched and in some cases actually broken some of the cables. Repairing the cables has become a huge maintenance issue. Once they stretch or break they are no longer able to be repaired and new cables or another material has to be used. It is impossible to ensure that the spectators stay off of the cables. Many people stand or prop their feet on the cable not knowing they are doing it or not realizing it can cause damage.

A safety issue occurs when the cables break as the breaks produce sharp strands of wire that are unsafe. Additionally, there is a second safety issue should a cable break in such a manner that it leaves an opening onto the ice rink floor two to three stories below. The MUSC staff is installing portable pedestrian fencing as an interim fix to the problem until the permanent replacement panels are installed.

Staff has been working with the original architect of the facility since last March to come up with a design that would replace the cables, be virtually maintenance free, be aesthetically pleasing and most importantly provide a safe environment. The proposed attached plan was received from the architect on Thursday, August 8, 2007. Other materials were considered including Plexiglas and fiberglass decking. It was determined that both of these products would be almost as expensive and the daily maintenance would be very challenging on the Sports Complex staff possibly detracting them from their already demanding schedule. Fortunately, the fabrication of the panels and the powder coating can be done locally which will be a cost savings to the City.

It is the recommendation of Administration to go forward with the proposed plan and have the project completed prior to the heavy use season for the facility.

WASILLA MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX

NEW GUARDRAIL INFILL

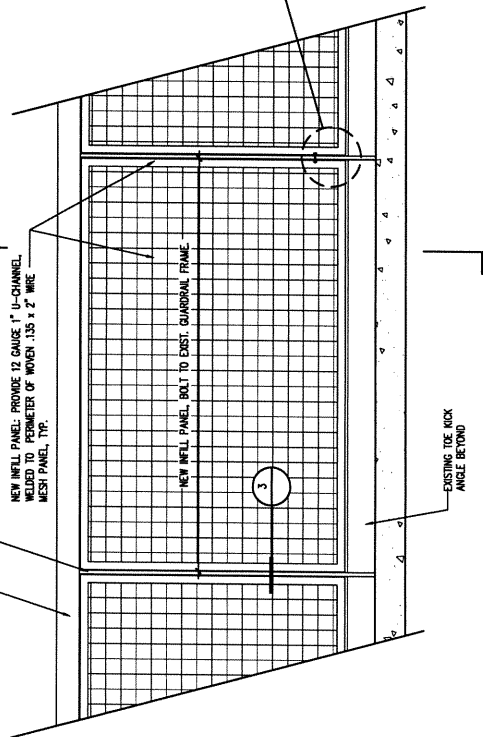
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GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL MATERIALS TO BE HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED, W/ STAINLESS STEEL FASTENERS

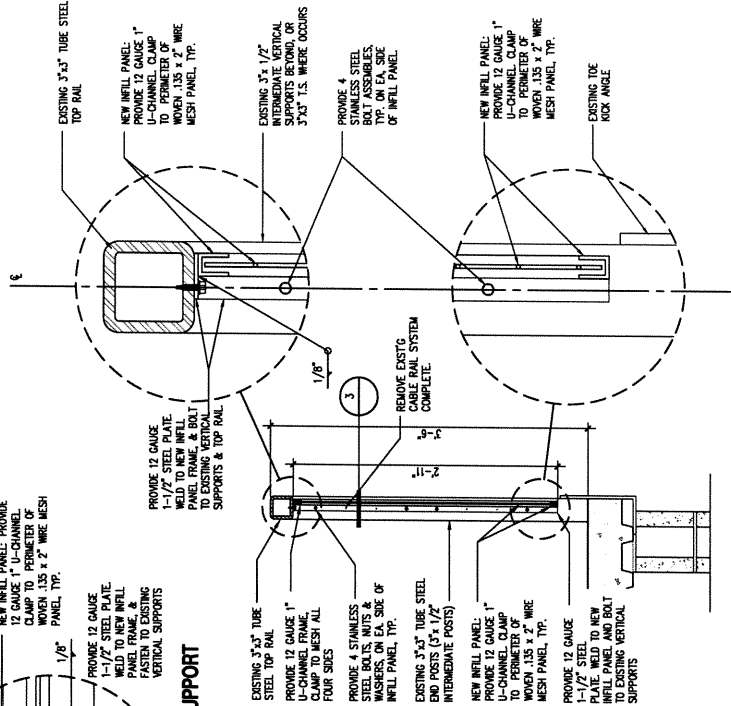
1 GUARDRAIL INFILL ELEVATION

1 1/2" = 1'-0" ON 10/27



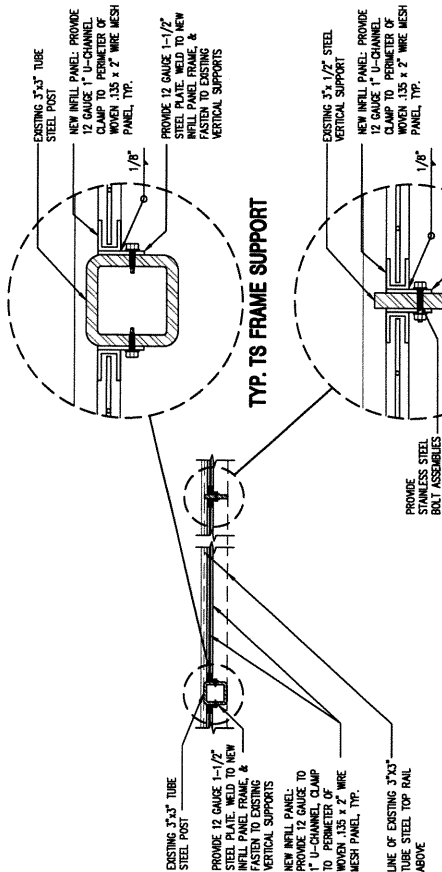
2 NEW GUARDRAIL INFILL SECTION

1 1/2" = 1'-0" ON 10/27



3 NEW GUARDRAIL INFILL PLAN

1 1/2" = 1'-0" ON 10/27



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