

NON-CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Council Members Ewing and Menard

Introduced: September 24, 2007

Public Hearing: October 8, 2007

Amended: October 8, 2007

Adopted: October 8, 2007

Vote: Cox, Ewing, Holler, Massie, Menard and Metiva in favor

**CITY OF WASILLA  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 07-55(SUB)(AM)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FY-08 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$25,000 FROM THE CITY COUNCIL'S BUDGET TO WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INC. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WASILLA AND THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.**

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WHEREAS, Frank D. Smith donated land with the intent to provide Wasilla with an area where senior citizens could come and meet other seniors; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI) is a non-profit organization that incorporated on June 16, 1981; and

WHEREAS, WASI is classified as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides approximately 1,700 hot meals each month for senior citizens who visit the Frank D. Smith Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, an additional 678 meals are delivered monthly to senior citizens who are confined to home; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides daily transportation to senior citizens needing to visit the doctor, do shopping or banking, and attend special events; and

WHEREAS, WASI manages 129 units of low-income senior housing, which includes 12 assisted living units; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides senior citizens with a safe environment for socialization, mental stimulation, and health improvement; and

WHEREAS, WASI is a community treasure that depends on grants, gifts, and donations to operate; and

WHEREAS, WASI serves as a Community Center for the entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, as a non-profit organization, funding support is vital in order for WASI to continue to provide services and programs to residents of the City of Wasilla and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted from the City of Wasilla to WASI shall not be used for salaries and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council wishes to receive a report no later than January 1, 2008, regarding how WASI spent the funds granted; and

WHEREAS, if a report is not given, additional funding for WASI will not be considered in the FY09 and FY10 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the City of Wasilla:

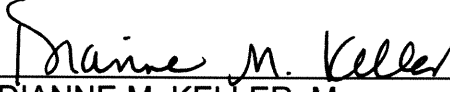
- \* **Section 1. Classification.** This is a non-code ordinance.
- \* **Section 2. Purpose.** To transfer funds to the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.
- \* **Section 3. Appropriation.** Funds are transferred to the following fund:  

Wasilla Area Seniors Inc. Grant	001.4115.411.80.xx	\$25,000
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- \* **Section 4. Source of Funds.** Funds to be transferred from the City Council budget, from the following accounts, totaling \$25,000:


001.4115.411.30.30	Accounting/Auditing Services
001.4115.411.30.32	Legal
001.4115.411.30.34	Other Professional Fees
001.4115.411.50.81	Travel

\* **Section 5. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council, Alaska, on October 8, 2007.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

[SEAL]



**CITY OF WASILLA  
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 07-55: AMENDING THE FY-08 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE TO THE WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INC.**

Agenda of: September 24, 2007

Date: September 10, 2007

Originator: Deputy Clerk for Council Member Steve Menard *and Council Member Mark Ewing*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	City Clerk	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes *\$ or*  no      Funds Available  yes  no  
Account name/number: General Fund's Fund Balance  
Attachments: Ordinance Serial No. 07-55

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** WASI is in trouble! The Senior Center has gone through many changes over its 26 years of operation; from Executive Directors to dealing with inflation. As a non-profit, charitable organization WASI continually requests and receives funding from many different resources and has many different fundraisers throughout the year.

WASI provides a wide variety of services to senior citizens. Hot nutritious lunch Monday through Friday, home delivered meals seven days a week, transportation to doctor appointments and shopping, social activities, health monitoring including weekly blood pressure checks, assisted living facility, a licensed professional beauty shop; WASI is a Community Center for the entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

As you well know, Enstar had an increase of 30%, not to mention the outrageous gas prices for our vehicles. And according to the State of Alaska Wage and Hour and a comparison of Alaska non-profits salaries and wages, all employees of WASI are well underpaid. WASI is not asking for operational funding from the City to increase wages, they are asking for help to keep the lights on and the heat flowing. Their average MEA annual billing is \$20,514 and their average Enstar annual billing is \$13,788.

In conclusion, I am asking that the Council approve \$25,000 to help the Senior Center survive. Furthermore, as we begin our budget review in January 2008; I ask that the Council consider an annual flat rate appropriation of \$50,000 to WASI.

Thank you for your attentiveness to this important issue.