



## CITY OF WASILLA

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### RESOLUTION NO. WR90-40 AMENDED

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WASILLA, ALASKA DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO IMPLEMENT A MAXIMUM 2% SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Serial No. 90-38 has been introduced and is under consideration by the Council; and

WHEREAS, to become effective, the electorate of the City of Wasilla must approve the levy of a 2% sales tax;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council directs the City Clerk to conduct a special election on Saturday, March 23, 1991 to decide the following question:

"Shall the Wasilla City Council be authorized to implement a maximum 2% sales tax on retail sales as set forth in Ordinance Serial No. 90-38 as amended?"

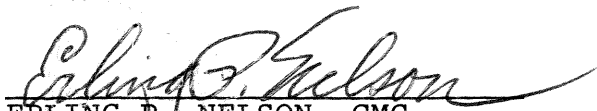
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_"

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 11th day of February, 1991.

APPROVED:

  
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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk

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Requested By: Councilman Carso  
Prepared By: Municipal Service

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
VETOED  
Date Dec 17, 1990  
Veto overturned  
Jan 14, 1991 *[initials]*

APPROVED:

*[Handwritten signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

VETO OVERTURNED BY ACTION OF THE COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 1991.

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 90-89

FROM: Mayor Stein

DATE: December 17, 1990

RE: Veto Message - Resolution 90-40

I hereby veto Resolution 90-40 which would place the levy of a 2% sales tax on the ballot March 23, 1991.

No tax is popular and no tax is completely fair, so a radical change in the taxation policy of a community requires a well-considered decision by community leaders. The impact of a new tax and the reduction of property taxes need to be fully understood by those proposing the changes. That understanding must come before an issue is moved to the voters.

In the case of the proposed Wasilla sales tax I had urged the Council to consider the measure more fully and take action in January. This veto accomplishes those purposes. While I expect no Council votes to change, I do expect that news of the issue will generate more balanced constituencies. Those interest groups will better argue the merits of their positions.

Those opposed to a sales tax have clearly identified themselves. They include many retail business owners, many individuals who live outside the City and many who oppose government and taxes at any level.

Those favoring the tax are property owners who have long carried the entire burden for local revenue. What is missing from the sales tax equation are those who favor the public facilities and services that a sales tax can make possible.

Wasilla residents will alone decide this issue. Those who seek community services and public construction must come forward now and support this new source of revenue.

Wasilla is years behind in road paving, utility extensions, street lighting, sidewalks, trail development and other fundamental needs of a growing community. If the sales tax becomes a reality, it will be because Wasilla households recognize these needs and make their wishes known.

If the effort to raise new revenue fails, there will be an easy retort to the criticism about the burden on our property tax payers and humble condition of our public facilities.

The Council may consider this veto at their regular meeting January 14, 1991.

John C. Stein, Mayor

*Veto overturned 1/14/91*