



CITY OF WASILLA

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REQUESTED BY: COUNCILMAN CARNEY
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RESOLUTION NO. WR96-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA ADDRESSING THE NEED TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE MAT-SU BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution, article x, Section 1 provides for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units, and prevention of duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, as of 1996 there exists four tax-levying jurisdictions within the Mat-Su Borough, namely, the Mat-Su Borough and the Cities of Wasilla, Palmer and Houston, and the population of the Borough is approximately 51,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, the local governments of the Mat-Su Borough face steadily increasing demand from a growing population for public services such as education, public safety, transportation and recreation while financial support from the Federal and State Governments is steadily declining; and

WHEREAS, the existing legal, political and fiscal relationships between and among the four local governments of the Mat-Su Borough, and the proliferation of road and fire service areas, unnecessarily foster duplication of services, inconsistent tax laws, delayed infrastructure development and occasional unfair treatment of Cities by the Mat-Su Borough Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to find ways and means to eliminate duplication of services, inconsistent tax laws and delayed infrastructure development and unfair treatment of Cities, and to take advantage of advancements in modern communications and information technology, without sacrificing democratic values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wasilla, Alaska hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wasilla to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a reputable individual or firm to study and make recommendations on how best the reform local government structures, relationships and functions within the Mat-Su Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor shall formally invite the Cities of Palmer and Houston, the Mat-Su Borough and the State of Alaska, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, to jointly sponsor and finance said RFP and study on an equitable basis with the City of Wasilla; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in no event shall the financial contribution of the City of Wasilla to said RFP and study effort exceed the sum of \$12,000 without prior approval of the Wasilla City Council.


I certify that a resolution in substantially the above from 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 22nd day of January, 1996.

APPROVED:



JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

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