



## CITY OF WASILLA

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### WASILLA RESOLUTION NO. WR96-21

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ON BOROUGH TAX REFORM.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has relied on property tax as the single source of local funding for borough services; and

WHEREAS, reliance only on property tax has, in some cases, unfairly burdened certain taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the electorate has the power to establish other sources of revenue which can diversify the tax base and more fairly distribute the costs of borough services by reducing tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough should have the financial capacity to provide its cities with appropriate shares of borough services and support city services to borough residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Wasilla City Councils that the Council:

Supports and encourages the Mat-Su Borough Assembly's and Administration's efforts at tax reform;

- Endorses establishing broad and diverse sources of local tax revenue with levies at the lowest possible rates;
- Supports the concept of paired borough areawide and non-areawide retail sales tax levies which would provide a more uniform market-wide sales tax collection rate.
- Supports a maximum 2% rate for each borough sales tax levy to minimize the differential between Valley and Anchorage retail markets.
- Supports the development of contracts with cities to use existing sales tax collection offices to collect borough sales tax.
- Asks the borough to assure that its sales tax ordinance is to the greatest extent possible consistent and compatible with existing Palmer and Wasilla tax ordinances.

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.

ATTEST

CITY OF WASILLA

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Marjorie D. Harris, CMC  
City Clerk

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John C. Stein, Mayor

*NO ACTION  
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