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REQUESTED BY: COUNCILWOMAN LANGILL
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RESOLUTION NO. WR96-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL'S POLICY ON ANNEXATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND LAND SURROUNDING THE CITY OF WASILLA.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council wishes to ensure that the future growth and development in the City of Wasilla is in accord with the values of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council wishes to provide residents, both present and future, fair and equal treatment in the implementation of all City of Wasilla policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council now wishes to establish a policy for annexation issues in order to provide clear direction on how to best serve the public on this subject;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the Wasilla City Council hereby establishes the following policy with regard to annexations to the City of Wasilla;

1. Only territory that is contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Wasilla will be considered for annexation. A territory may not be annexed to the City of Wasilla if essential city services can be provided more efficiently and more effectively by another existing city or by an organized borough. Requests for annexations shall be by petition of no less than twenty-five (25%) of the registered voters of the contiguous area. The Council, by resolution, may prepare mail out surveys, advertisements or other correspondence to specified areas surrounding the City of Wasilla, in order to determine the level of interest. Said plan may include, but is not limited to financial, social, economic and health/safety issues.

2. The Council shall oversee all annexation petitions submitted to the City of Wasilla. The City Clerk, under the direction of the Council, will perform the duties necessary for the administration of the petition process. The City Clerk shall prepare the official petition to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity to reflect most accurately the intent of the registered voters. When the Clerk receives an annexation petition, the Clerk shall ascertain that the petition has signatures from no less that twenty-five (25%) of the registered voters of the contiguous area. The Clerk shall submit the validated petition to the Council for approval to continue the process.

3. The Council shall forward the approved petition to the Administration for consideration of relevant factors, including:

a) the territory must exhibit a reasonable need for city government;

b) the territory must be compatible in character with the City of Wasilla;

c) The economy within the proposed boundaries must include the human and financial resources necessary to provide essential city services on an efficient, cost-effective level;

d) the population within the proposed boundaries must be sufficiently large and stable to support the extension of city government; and,

e) the proposed boundaries must include all land and water necessary to provide the full development of essential city services on an efficient cost-effective level.

4. The Administration shall submit it's official findings, and recommendations, to the Council for action.


5. The Council, upon acceptance of Administration's findings and recommendations, shall direct the City Clerk to prepare advertisements of the petition process and mail out surveys to all land owners of the contiguous area affected by the request for annexation to the City of Wasilla.

6. With a majority affirmative vote of the registered voters within the proposed annexation area the City Council shall then direct Administration to prepare and submit a petition of annexation to the State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission.

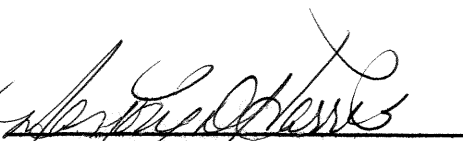
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution No. WR96-16 is hereby rescinded.

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 27th day of January, 1997.

APPROVED:


SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


MAJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

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