

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 98-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL (WCC),
RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA'S MAT-SU YOUTH
DETENTION FACILITY BE CONSIDERED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN
OUR INDUSTRIAL ZONE AT WASILLA AIRPORT.**

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission (WPC) recommends per Resolution 98-02 that the Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility be located within our industrial zone at Wasilla airport; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce recommends per Resolution 98-01 that they are in support of location and construction of Alaska's Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility in Wasilla's airport industrial zone; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services is considering to locate a Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility in the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District's Alternative High School is located near the Parks Highway and Church Road; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a 4.5 to 5 million dollar facility will be an economic benefit during the construction of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the annual operational cost between 1 to 1.6 million dollars will support the economic benefit for employment, and services such as laundry and food delivery; and

WHEREAS, the close proximity to the proposed Public Safety Facility would be both economical and time saving in reducing travel time of a Wasilla Police juvenile transport; and

WHEREAS, this facility would allow many juveniles to be closer to their families that live in the greater Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, McLaughlin Youth Center is overcrowded; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Airport property is zoned I-Industrial and could support a youth detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for increased revenue from the Wasilla Airport by leasing available land to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers periodically transports juveniles with State of Alaska aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers frequently transports juveniles along the Parks Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council supports and encourages improvements and development at the Wasilla Airport.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council recommends to the State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services that the Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility be located within our industrial zone at Wasilla airport.

DEFEATED by the Wasilla City Council this 23rd day of February, 1998.