

Requested By: Council Member Carney
Prepared By: Deputy Clerk
Defeated: June 22, 1998
Vote: Carney and Fuller in Favor
Chappel, Cottle, Keller, and Patrick Opposed

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 98-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL, CALLING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AT THE OCTOBER 6, 1998 REGULAR ELECTION, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WASILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF WASILLA, AND AUTHORIZING ONE HALF (1/2) PERCENT INCREASE IN SALES TAX TO PAY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

WHEREAS, a library is an integral part of any viable and exemplary community; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Library is the fourth busiest library in the state; and

WHEREAS, according to recognized guidelines for public library facilities, the present library should be twice the size to serve today's population area; and

WHEREAS, a larger facility is required to complete information technology developments; and

WHEREAS, the current facility is not cost effective in terms of offering up-to-date, efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the decision of the city constructing and financing of a new public library is a decision properly to be made by the voters of the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council directs the clerk to place on the October 6, 1998, ballot, the question to authorize construction of a library within the Wasilla City limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the Wasilla City Council hereby directs the clerk to request bond counsel to provide an ordinance calling for a bond proposition to be placed before the Wasilla voters at the regular municipal election to be held on October 6, 1998, asking for authorization for the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of planning, designing, acquiring land for, constructing and equipping a public library; and providing that the bonds, if authorized by the voters, may not be issued unless the voters have also approved a ballot proposition in an election certified prior to December 20, 1998, to

increase the City sales and use tax by one-half percent (1/2 %) for payment of the debt service on such bonds.

2. That the clerk is directed to request an ordinance to place a question before the voters at the October 6, 1998, regular municipal election to authorize a sales tax increase not to exceed one-half of one percent (1/2 %) on retails sales, services and rentals within the City to be effective January 1, 1999, such increase to be authorized until such time as the library bonds are retired; provided the sales tax increase authorized by the voters shall be effective only if the \$10,000,000 library bond proposition is approved by the voters at an election that is certified prior to December 20, 1998.

DEFEATED by the Wasilla City Council this 22ND day of June, 1998.