

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 03-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF HB 69  
RELATING TO REGULATION OF SHALLOW NATURAL GAS LEASING AND  
CLOSELY RELATED ENERGY PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

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WHEREAS, HB 69 is legislation that clarifies the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (AOGCC) authority to regulate the state's shallow and unconventional natural gas resources, including allowing for the variances from AOGCC's general regular requirements in certain cases, and

WHEREAS, Alaska possesses tremendous shallow natural gas resources in the trillions of cubic feet, while two hundred trillion cubic feet is enough to supply U. S. natural gas requirements for more than eight years, and

WHEREAS, Statewide they hold the promise of bringing a much cleaner, locally-produced, alternative energy source to areas of rural Alaska, and

WHEREAS, production of coal-bed methane has little effect on the environment, however, are still expensive to develop. It is being regulated as though it were a deep-hole, high-pressured reservoir, when in fact; gas wells are more like low-pressure water wells.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that support of HB 69 is to ensure the AOGCC has the authority and discretion to regulate such projects in an appropriate manner, suited specifically to the nature and characteristics of shallow nature gas development projects, while also providing for human safety and environmental protection.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 10, 2003.

  
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HOWARD O'NEIL, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC  
City Clerk

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