

Requested by: Council Greg Koskela

Meeting Date: February 26, 2007

Adopted: February 26, 2007

Vote: Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard and Metiva in favor; Cox absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 07-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL URGING THE STATE TO
ADOPT A SUSTAINABLE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR ALL ALASKAN
COMMUNITIES.**

WHEREAS, Alaska's great wealth is generated by the natural resources of regions, communities and cities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Alaska to share a portion of this natural resource wealth with communities of the State in order to enhance and continue the positive economic growth throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of revenue sharing had a significant negative effect on the ability of Alaska's cities and boroughs to provide essential service, with communities forced to reduce essential services and/or increase local taxes, fees and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, this sharing of State revenues is consistent with the Owner State concept, intergovernmental cooperation and Constitutional provisions which provide for the natural resource ownership by all the people of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, restoration of a revenue sharing program would provide communities with funding to reduce local taxes, build infrastructure, grow the state economy, provide for increased quality of life and in some cases, provide for the survival of small communities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3, and Senate Bill 72, currently introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session, provide a mechanism for sustainable revenue sharing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla urges the Alaska State Legislature to adopt a sustainable revenue sharing program by annually appropriating six percent (6%) of natural resource revenues to municipalities, with a \$100,000 per community minimum; this sharing of State revenues is consistent with the Owner State concept, intergovernmental cooperation and Constitutional provisions which provide for the natural resource ownership by all the people of the State of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla urges the State Legislature to maintain the current level of revenue sharing requested by the Governor in the current 2007 budget.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 26, 2007.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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