

CODE ORDINANCE

Requested by: Council Member Woodruff
Introduced: August 25, 2008
Substituted: September 8, 2008
Public Hearing: September 8, 2008
Adopted: September 8, 2008

Vote: Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva and Woodruff in favor; Larson opposed

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 08-44(SUB)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING WMC 2.60.010.D IN REGARD TO LIMITING THE TERMS OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS.

* **Section 1. Classification.** Section 2 of this ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code. The remainder of this ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

* **Section 2. Adoption of subsection.** WMC 2.60.010.D is adopted to read as follows:

(D) No person may serve on the planning commission for more than two consecutive, full terms without a break in service for at least one full year after serving two consecutive, full terms. A planning commissioner who has served more than one-half of a term is considered to have served a full term.

* **Section 3. Effect of ordinance.** This ordinance applies to the qualification for appointment to the planning commission of any person who has served two or more consecutive, full terms on the planning commission either before or after the effective date of this ordinance. This ordinance has no effect on the continuation of the current term of a planning commission member appointed before the effective date of this ordinance.

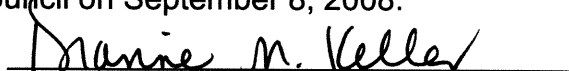
* **Section 4. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on September 8, 2008.

ATTEST:

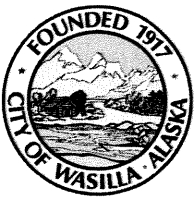


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**RE: Ordinance Serial No. 08-44: IN REGARD TO LIMITING THE TERMS OF
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS.**

Agenda of: August 25, 2008

Date: August 11, 2008

Originator: Council Member Dianne Woodruff *DW*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance Director	<i>CFO</i> <i>Chloe Dean 8/13/08</i>
X	Deputy Administrator	<i>May K. Gosh</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>K. Smith</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: _____

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

It's a good idea for all of us to get a new perspective on things from time to time. Six years of service is plenty to ask of a planning commissioner, and it would be a good idea to have new faces bringing new perspectives and expertise to our planning commission from time to time.

In the past, there has been concern that we did not have enough applicants to fill the vacant seats on the Planning Commission if term limits were in place. However, our population has grown significantly and we have had several applications on file for each seat appointed in recent history. Therefore, I am proposing to add language into the Wasilla Municipal Code that limits the terms a Planning Commissioner may serve which follows the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code Section 4.05.050(C).

Note: This change only applies to the Planning Commission, not to all city commissions.