By: Mayor Bert L. Cottle Adopted: February 23, 2015

Vote: Buswell, Graham, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall, and Wilson in favor

## City of Wasilla Resolution Serial No. 15-06

A Resolution supporting the reinstatement of a full \$60 million in to the Revenue Sharing Fund on a yearly basis with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, all of Alaska's boroughs and cities are appreciative to the Governor and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and,

WHEREAS, since 2008, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year, to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and,

WHEREAS, this money is a small share of the resource funding that is provided to the State; and,

WHEREAS, \$60 million is also a small part of the total state-wide budget for the year; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and,

WHEREAS, in the past 2014 Legislative Session, the amount deposited into the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million; and,

WHEREAS, the larger municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the smaller municipalities use these funds to provide basic services, such as snow removal, public building maintenance, harbor upkeep, fuel and insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council requests the Alaska State Legislature to reinstate the amount of \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund, with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 23, 2015.

BERT L. COTTLE, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]



## CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

Resolution Serial No. 15-06: A Resolution supporting the reinstatement of a full \$60 million in to the Revenue Sharing Fund on a yearly basis with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

Originator:

Mayor Bert L. Cottle

Date:

February 10, 2015

Agenda of: February 23, 2015

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
	Chief of Police		
	Public Works Director		
	Recreation & Cultural Services Director		
X	Finance Director	Altendend	2/10/10
X	Deputy Administrator	of Cuc	2/10/
X	City Clerk	Almix.	2/1/5

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle:

**Fiscal Impact**:  $\square$  yes or  $\boxtimes$  no

Account name/number: n/a

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 15-06 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: This resolution supports the Alaska State Legislature reinstating \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund, effective prior to June 30, 2015. The Alaska Municipal League has drafted a similar resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-06.