

Sponsored by: Council Member Menard

Meeting date: June 9, 2008

Failed: June 23, 2008

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

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08-17**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN VEHICLES OWNED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA.

WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association, every year in the United States over 438,000 people die from tobacco-caused disease, making it the leading cause of preventable death; and

WHEREAS, tragically, each day more than 1,000 kids become regular, daily smokers and one in two will eventually die as a result of their addiction; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association is working at the federal, state and local level to pass laws and implement policies that will lessen the burden of tobacco on our families, communities and nation, in an effort to halt this public health epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains a no smoking policy in effect for all City owned buildings, except as allowed in a designated outdoor smoking area; and

WHEREAS, City owned vehicles are an asset of the City of Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use reduces the overall cleanliness of a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, allergies to tobacco smoke are not uncommon; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use, in particular smoking, may make subsequent use of the vehicle unpleasant for others; and

WHEREAS, smoking reduces the resale value of a vehicle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, that the use of tobacco products in City owned vehicles is prohibited.

DEFEATED by the Wasilla City Council on June 23, 2008.